

the idea there are certain things that must happen first? I don't see how you can fit it together with the idea that certain things must happen first? Jesus said, be ready because you don't know when He is coming. In an hour when ye think not He will come.

Well, some friends said to me once, well, they said, Jesus is speaking about the eschatological coming. They said, there is a whole series of events and we don't know when this series of events is going to stop, but they said after it starts, we get this, then this, then this, and this, then we say in such an hour as ye think not He will come, then it may be any time, but we don't know when, we know it can't be now because these events haven't started, it's not till these events get under way. All these passages and the ones in Thessalonians, they say, are in an eschatological context. Well when you have an argument like that on a piece of Scripture, what are you going to do? Are you going to argue against it? Are you going to strive to rebut the argument with thoughts out of your head? Well, sometimes you can, but the way to determine a matter is not to try to think it through with your clever thoughts, but to see what the Scripture says, what does the Word say? All these passages I have mentioned to you are in the eschatological context, all right. Is there any (12 1/4)

And so we turn to Luke 12, and Luke 12 is about as far removed from having an eschatological context as any chapter could be. The chapter is not talking about the return of Christ, it is talking about the lives of the disciples. It is talking about our conduct, upon this earth, during this age, when wickedness and righteousness are intermixed upon this earth. At random, my eye falls on verse 8, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God. But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. Verse after verse in the early part of the chapter is ^{discussing} ~~suggesting~~ how we shall live in this age. And look at the last part of the chapter. It is...