

is wicked in the world, you have all kinds of things, some of which are described, which are going to happen before He comes. Well, then, how can you say that He can come and you can't tell, that He might come at any time? Well, the only way I can see for an answer is, there are two stages to the coming: He comes for His own, in an hour that ye think not. Suddenly, unexpectedly. Two people in the ~~field~~ field, one is taken, ~~the~~ one is left. Two men are sleeping in the same bed, one is taken, one is left. Suddenly He comes for His own. And then at a later time He comes with His own to establish His kingdom of righteousness upon this earth. But I've known people to say, there is one return of Christ, you're making two returns. There can't be two returns, there is only one return. Well, how many times has Christ come so far? Well, there there has been one coming, the first advent, wasn't it? But when was it? When did He come? Did He come at the Conception? Did He come at the Birth? Did He come when He began His ministry? Was His coming the time of His crucifixion? Was His coming when He returned after having gone to ~~Heaven~~, at the time of His resurrection? Surely that was a second coming. And He came repeatedly during the 40 days. There were many phases, many steps to His first coming, but it altogether makes one contract, and surely there is no reason why His second coming may not be in stages, there is no reason to say it has to be at one time. If what we're told about it falls into two definite categories, and it's inconsistent at one, it must be two stages. So that argument does not impress me at all,

There was one man out in Los Angeles though who wrote a little pamphlet on what he called rocking chair theology. He said the Bible describes the Great Tribulation, and he says people who think that Jesus is going to take us out of the Great Tribulation, that is rocking chair theology. Christians have to go through the Tribulation. Well, Christians have gone through many tribulations, we have had terrible persecutions in this world, and today there are terrible persecutions in China and in other countries. Christians have undergone tremendous persecution, and they may yet, we may have a terrible tribulation for all of us, we do not know. But what we can say is, there is no