

Ch. Hist. ~~W~~ You learn it by studying exegesis, and from that you learn as much of it as God wants you to know, and there are some things that He doesn't intend you to know about. Because He says the time that Jesus Christ will come back no one knows, not even the Son Himself. Not even Christ in His earthly existence knew when He would return to this earth. Because that is a secret which the Father has preserved for Himself, because He wants all ~~to~~^{to} us to be vigilant and watching and not knowing when it may come, whether in the life time of Peter and the apostles, or whether tomorrow or the next day. He wants us to be ready regardless of when it comes.

Now there are many questions of Philosophy, many questions of eschatology which the Bible doesn't give the answer to. And God doesn't want us to pretend that we know them when it does not say anything about them anywhere. There are many for which the answer is so clear that a wayfaring man....(7½), but there are hundreds others in between these two, to which there are answers in God's Word if we dig in and study them in the original languages and compare Scripture with Scripture and see what it says. And there is a blessing for us and for people who study in, not to find the answer to every question, but to find more answers to questions on which God has given the answers in His Word.

So these four are reasons ~~why~~ are not the reasons why ~~we~~ we study Ch. Hist., and this will probably explain the fact why we have all of you together, here, in Ch. Hist., that we have it, and give this much of our time to it. I go through it this year, ~~1~~ two hours through the year, I go through it next year, two hours through the year, and then we skip a year, and then we give it again. If Ch. Hist. was the way to determine these things, we then would have Ch. Hist., both courses given, every year of course, and we probably would have a full time teacher to give it. But I, personally, do not want to have a full time man to teach Ch. Hist., because I feel exegesis is so much more important that I feel that first our emphasis should be on exegesis, the second that Ch. Hist. should be taught by someone whose primary emphasis is in exegesis. Now, I majored in History