

some of these men taught in this seminary, have maintained that this means that at the end of the age, people are to begin watching, and to be ready. That before that you know it can't happen because the temple is rebuilt in Jerusalem. But that is not what it says here. There is no eschatological complex. He says specifically, be ye therefore ready also, for the son of man comes at an hour that ye think not, and then does Peter say, well now this is wonderful. He is giving us this advice for people in a very distant time at the end of the age, so that they will know what to do, when they begin to see this sign. That is not what he says, the next verse says, - Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? Peter didn't say, are you telling this to people at the end, or does it include people a little further back. He meant, is it to just us, or is it to everyone? Peter never dreamed but that he was included in this statement. And Jesus' answer was, he then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing. Jesus went right on to apply this to the disciples that they were supposed to so live, that they were vigilant, and serving the Lord, and ready if He should come at any moment. This was to be a vital force in their lives, and of course people say, well, that can't be, because Jesus said in the end of John that Peter was going to be crucified. And he could know that the Lord wasn't going to come before he was crucified. Well, that is true. Peter could not. But how many others could? Well, anyone that was with Peter. I'm right here with Peter, and Peter has not been crucified yet, so the Lord can't come. That's right. But how many years was it before Peter was crucified? And supposing I was with Peter here today, and then supposing Peter went over into another colony. He moves over there, a hundred miles away from me, and they have no telegraph, no radio, no airplanes in those days. How could I know, if I haven't seen Peter for three days that he hasn't been crucified. I could not tell. And once Peter was crucified nobody knew. And of course in Matthew, he gives the suggestion, for a long time there will be wars and rumours of war, but within 50 years they would have loads of them. And the command was given, to the people, they couldn't tell how soon that would be filled