

Many of the messages give reasons for believing that we are now in the last days and that the return of Christ is certain to occur in the not-too-distant future. This attitude would seem to be sharply contradicted by the statement by Ridderbson on page 332: "Perhaps one of the reasons that Jesus cannot yet come back is that it will take many, many long periods of time before Christian prophecy can again reach the ears of Israel." Those who confidently take their stand on either of these two attitudes might do well to consider such oft-repeated declarations of the Lord as: "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Acts 1:7), and "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40).