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passages alleged to deal with it and tried to study them through. I haven't tried to reach a conclusion on it myself. Ten years ago, eleven years ago, the Sunday School Times sent me the book, THE APPROACHING ADVENT OF CHRIST, by Alexander Reese, and asked me to write a review of it. They asked me to write about a thousand words on it. I wrote them a thousand words and sent it up and they asked me to expand certain sections of it, thirteen hundred words, I believe, it was then, and they ran it as an unsigned editorial on the front page, the review of this book. Well, now as I went through the book I decided the name of the book was an utterly false name, "The Approaching Advent of Christ". The book doesn't deal with that subject at all. The book deals with a phase of that subject; it doesn't deal with the whole subject. The book might better be entitled something like this: "The Terrible Error of Believing that the Rapture of the Church Comes before the Tribulation." That is what the book is dealing with. There is a very excellent little section in the book on premillennialism, a very brief section, in which he takes the position that premillennialism is very clearly taught in the Scripture and we all must agree on that. That's definite--and then he goes on to spend the rest of the book, not discussing the advent of Christ, not discussing the millennium, but discussing, "When is the rapture going to be?" and he gets terrifically heated over the matter.

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so heated over the matter that you should not believe that the church is going to be spared going through the tribulation. The church is not going to be raptured until after the tribulation. Well, as I went through it I was tremendously impressed with two things, one, the great amount of heat which he expended on the matter which didn't seem to me to call for that amount of heat at all. Why should we get so terribly excited about it and feel almost bitter toward those who think the church isn't going to go through the tribulation? I couldn't see the point to that. Another thing was, that as I went through it his arguments