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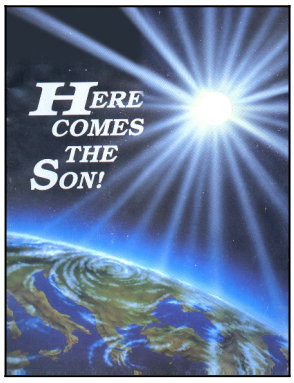

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2. The SHORTNESS of the days before Christ's coming (v. 34)
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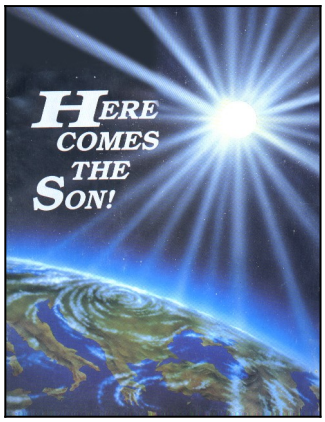

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