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statement that this is his vision "concerning Judah and Jerusalem" also makes it evident that he is describing something that will occur on this earth. Both passages clearly promise that there will be a time of external peace and safety. This passage does not promise that God will protect His people from dangers round about them. That is a great truth of Scripture, contained in many other passages (such as Isa. 4:2-6) and fulfilled in many periods of the world's history. This passage promises an entirely different type of period -- a time when it will be unnecessary to have swords or spears. It will be a time when people can sit outdoors under their own vines and fig trees with nothing to fear because God will have removed every thing that would produce fear (Mic. 4:4). Other passages in Isaiah give further information about the wonderful nature of this promised Millennium. Here we will simply note that it is unquestionably a time of freedom from external danger -- a period when the word of God will go forth from Jerusalem to judge among the nations and to put an end to everything that would cause danger or arouse fear.

In an age when the world was filled with aggressor nations, and when the various empires constantly fought for supremacy, it is no wonder that Micah felt it necessary to end his vision with the statement, "for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it," and that Isaiah thought it necessary to preface his account of it with the statement, "The word which Isaiah, the son of Amos, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem." It was a hard promise to believe in the days of Isaiah, and it is a hard one to believe today. However, we know that the word of God is sure, and that its fulfillment is certain. Were there no other passages in the Scripture dealing with the Millennium, this one alone should be sufficient to prove to us that God has promised it, and that He will surely bring it to pass.

Isaiah 2:6-4:6

After the exhortation in Isaiah 2:5, calling upon the house of Jacob to walk in the light of the Lord, who is able to bring to pass such a wonderful time of happiness and security as that which has just been described, the prophet abruptly