

this present point to enter into the question of whether that is right or not. These expressions may be taken literally. Animals will no longer kill. They will no longer destroy one another. They will dwell peaceably together. Or it may be taken figuratively. You say these animals stand for people. And they represent a change in the nature of human beings. Well personally I think that in this passage the literal is the correct but the thing I want to stress ~~is~~ is this. whether it is literal or whether it is figuratively, the result of it is that it teaches not a time when some wolves will be changed into lambs. Not a time when there will be a certain number of individuals who will be made righteous but it teaches a time when the wolf will dwell ~~with~~ with the lamb. A time when the lamb is safe from any wolf. A time when any sucking child can play on the ~~whole~~ of an asp, whether you are talking as I think of a real serpent there or whether you are talking of a little child in the world of wickedness. A time when they shall not hurt nor destroy all my holy mountain. The stress here is not in the change of the wicked animal or person, the stress here is on the safety of the people and innocent one. Take this figuratively if you want, but you must find in it that this is taught that there is a time of universal peace and safety. A time when they do not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain. In other words it teaches a millennial time a time of millennial peace. Whether that extends to the animal kingdom as I believe it does or whether it just extends to the human race. That is to say you can interpret this passage in a post millennial way. You can say the progress of the Gospel will mean that all the world ~~will~~ will be covered with righteousness or you can take it in a premillennial way. You can say after the Lord comes back all the creation including men and animals will have the ways of destruction removed from them so there will no longer be danger. You can take it in either way. If you want to take an all Millennial ~~is~~ interpretation, there is just one way to do it and that is ~~to~~ to tear it out of the scriptures. (Laughter from audience.) There is absolutely no scientific way to interpret this passage literally or figurat-