

There are three of them in particular which I think are so absolutely clear, that I don't see how they can possibly be questioned. One of these in the 4th chap. of Micah. Our time is short and we cannot look at it in any fullness, but I just want to mention that this first few verses here: "That in the last days it shall come to pass . . ." and then he goes on and describes the conditions that will happen. And in vs. 3,4 we read: "He shall judge among many people and rebuke strong nations . . ." (quote per text) And he thinks that this will be hard for you to believe, so he says "for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it". There is going to be a time, he says, when there is going to be absolute peace in the world. And in about the 3rd century people began to say, This was fulfilled. And about the time when Jesus came to this earth Augustus The Roman Emperor established peace throughout the Roman world. And we've had two or three centuries of almost complete peace, only an occasional small war on the outskirts of the empire. So they said, Look, the kingdom of Christ was established when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and here we've had this marvellous period of peace. And if you look at Pusey's Com. on Micah you find how he points out that many Christians used that as proof that Jesus really was the Prince of Peace because look at this peace that came about the time Jesus came. And then in the 4th Cent. the Barbarians began to break thro and wars and difficulties ran everywhere and the heathen said, Yes, you said, He brought peace, but look what's happening to us now. And then, of course if you look close at it, it doesn't say because Jesus was born in Bethlehem we're going to have peace then, but it says there is a time coming when people will not have to have armaments, because there will be no danger. They will sit every man under his vine and under his figtree, and no one will make them afraid. I don't see any way to explain this away. There is definitely is going to be such a time when Jesus will judge ---- or it doesn't say Jesus here, but God (and Jesus is the second person of the trinity) will ~~judge~~ judge among many peoples and rebuke strong nations that are afar off, and it is because of the peace that He establishes that they can beat their swords into plowshares. Not because they just say, Let's disarm, and then we know nobody will hurt us. There are people talking that way today.