

we mothballed our ships, stopped the draft and did everything possible to look forward to the millennium we thought was about here! But now we know that it is very far away. Thirty years ago Castro seized control of Cuba, lilled thousands of people, put hundreds of others in prison, many of whom are still there today and since then he has been forcing people into his army which is traveling all over the world in order to overthrow governments that are not communist.

In Nicaragua they were having something of a revival 5 years ago and Campus Crusade was distributing thousands of tracts and having quite a succe-s among the people, and then the communist governemtn drove these missionaries out of the country and arrested and imprisoned others there; burned up thousands of Christian tracts and they have stopped all expression of opinion in the country except what is strictly under the command of the communists who are determined to conquer the world. Humanly speaking it looks as if before many years they will be conquering the others next to them. Mexico will easily fall into their hands and once we have millions of people rushing in terror before them from Mexico into the U.S. it is impossible to know what to do, and certainly it ~~w~~ looks very ~~said=fe~~ sad for people unless God intervenes in a wonderful way.

I don't thin, there has been any time in thehistory of the world when things looked darker as you look to the future as they do today. But people close their eyes and fail to see the signs of the times even though millions and 300,000 have been murdered in Afghanistan and countries by the force that is seeking to get control of the whole world.

Back in 370 or 380 A.D. most of the people in the civilized world were nominally Christian. It looked to many people as if the millennium was coming soon. Then they quit preparing for war. People would not make the effort to defend the borders of the Roman empire that they had before and the barbarians rushed across if and for 1000 years they were sunk into misery and darkness until gradually civilization was established again. Is a situation like that ahead of us? Humanly speaking it looks as if it is. But God has promised that on this very earth there is to come a time when they will no longer need ~~the~~ to train for war. They will no longer need to protect themselves ~~x~~ because people will be able to sit out at any time anywhere day or night in perfect safety. This 11th ch. of the Book of Isaiah.

It is a marvelous thing to know God is going to bring upon this very earth this marvelous period of universal peace sometime. But from all appearances it would seem to be a long way off. There are those who call themselves postmillennialists and say that it is indeed going to come but it will come as we gradually win the world to the Lord maybe in a few thousand years at the rate it is going now the whole world will be following Christ and we will have the situation described here. But I don't think we need to wait this long as the postmillennialists would have us do. The amillennialsits say there just ~~a=x~~ isn't any such period and cut these three chapters out of the Bible along with a good many other statements. They don't admit they cut them out, but they way they interpret them it practically amounts to that. Personally I think the matter of taking wa-t's in the Bible and accepting it is much more important than whether there will be a millennium or~~x~~ ~~lx~~ not. I think it's the method of interpretation that is dangerous, but I believe there is nothing Satan hates worse than to admit the fact--if there is one thing he hates more it's the fact that Jesus died for