

Nature of Millennium

It was interesting to me the other day to hear of a ~~much loved Bible teacher~~ highly regarded Bible teacher who is ~~xxx~~ reported to have said that during the millennium Israel will reign over the world from its headquarters in Palestine but that there will be no Chns^o in the world, all of them having been taken to heaven before that time, and ~~only returning here~~ returning here only at the end of the millennium. Shortly after I heard of this a ~~man~~ ^{friend} phoned me about a book by a Chn^o worker who is highly regarded by many. ~~The book, unfortunately,~~ ^{He reported that} he said, ~~xxxxx had in a section in it which was somewhat anti-Semitic. He~~ said that the author, who is ~~very xxxxx~~ strongly opposed to Zionism, ~~and says that~~ ~~this is not the return of~~

the present state of Israel is not a part of God's plan ~~at all~~ and will doubtless disappear ~~before~~ before the time of the millennium. ^{The book declares} ~~He said that the~~ ~~xxx millennium is a time when the xxx Chns^o will control Jerusalem during the~~ ~~the world, and the~~ ^{3 and insists that, the predicted} ^{4 according to the Bible} ~~6~~ ⁵ ~~gathering of the Jews he insisted, according to his interpretation of prophecy,~~ ^{is} ~~does not occur until after the millennium.~~ ^{to} This struck ~~me~~ me as an interesting case of people ~~making guesses about matters not clearly revealed in Scripture,~~ ² ~~and then~~ ¹ speaking dogmatically about ~~them.~~ ³ We should be careful to speak positively only where the Bible speaks positively, and to label other statements as guesses rather than as Biblical teachings.