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To interpret this with the first coming of Christ is certainly going very, very far in the direction of taking things in a figurative way, going extremely far, and to say that the sword going out of His mouth means the Gospel and the remnant of them that were slain and all the fowls were filled with their flesh means that everybody became a Christian is certainly going so far that it would seem that you could just about make anything you named.

(Student) It's the sword that went out of the mouth. Then, you go on into the next chapter, 20, and you have there, in the first part of it, you have six times the statement/<sup>made</sup>there of a thousand years. Six times he refers to refers to a period which he calls a thousand years. Does that just mean perfection? Well, if it does, how are you going to be sure what anything means, anyway, especially if you have to go to such length to get a thousand years to mean perfection as to say seven is the number of perfection, three is the number of deity, seven and three is ten, and ten cubed means a thousand, so that's ultra perfection. That is certainly going a long way from taking Scripture as a source from which you get ideas. Now, the passage describes a coming to life of those who have truly stood for Christ. They live and reign with Christ a thousand years, Verse 4, but the rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years were finished.

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The statement of the translation <sup>new</sup>in the Revised Standard Version of that is "They came to life and lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years, but the rest of the dead came not to life until the thousand years were finished." I thought that was very interesting that they would translate it specifically as that but those men who made that translation considered that to be the specific meaning of the , that they came to life, rather than simply that they lived. Of course, if it were simply they lived, in almost any