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the breath of His lips" slays the wicked one. We notice that Paul said that wicked one was not yet revealed but that one would be revealed whom the Lord would slay with the breath of His lips. And then we noticed in, over here in Revelation 19 that we have the same figure used twice in the last half of Revelation 19, the figure of the one who comes on a white horse and out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword that with it He should smite the nations. It is used twice in this half chapter here, which forms a section with Chapter 20, and at the end of the chapter it says, "The remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth, and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in His hand." And so, then, we have the description which follows in which six times the word "millennium" is used. The word in the millennium, in the Greek is, of course, the word from which our chilia comes, the chiliasts and the premillennialists are, of course, the same thing, one who believes in a thousand year reign of Christ, upon this earth in which there will be righteousness and peace and freedom from external danger and destruction. The phrase "thousand years" is used six times in this Chapter 20 here, and from the word, the word millennium came to mean, not simply as it strictly means, a period of a thousand years, but a period of universal freedom from war and external difficulties and trouble. In our language then, the word "millennium" has come to mean, not a period of time but a condition, a condition existing during a period of time, naturally, but the emphasis in modern English in usual use upon the word "millennium" is a condition rather than a precise length of time. The word is used, of course, in history, in the precise original sense. We speak of the third millennium B. C. or the second millennium B. C., the first millennium A. D. and so on, but this derived sense of it comes from its usage here in Revelation. Mr.---? Yes. The word as popularly used in English today means a time, whether imagined or real, that--a time in which trouble and difficulty and danger is over. You'll find it used by secular writers who have no idea, perhaps, that it has anything to do with the