

Prophets (4)

Bible but used, as they will say, "Oh, so you think the millennium is coming?"  
 if  
 or "It looks as if the millennium is at hand," or some such term meaning simply,  
 "You think that all war and trouble and difficulty is going to be at an end  
 and a time of universal righteousness and peace and happiness." Now, as I  
 said, I personally feel that it is not right to make a great stress upon the  
 precise length of the thousand years. It is altogether possible, in view of  
 usage of Scripture elsewhere, that that may be a round number. It is altogether  
 possible that it might be four hundred years. It is possible it might be ten  
 thousand years. Personally, I think both of them extremely unlikely. My per-  
 sonal opinion is that it is going to be a precise thousand years but that is  
 only an opinion. I wouldn't say that I felt that I was at all certain of  
 that or that anybody could be certain of it because the Scripture does not  
 stress the exact length of time and using these round figures like this, there  
 always is a possibility that it stands for a general period, but it is a long  
 period of time and it is a period of time. / <sup>The idea that</sup> when it says that the rest of  
 the dead lived not until the thousand years were finished, what it meant was  
 that the righteous dead in heaven were perfectly happy and it used the phrase  
 "thousand years" to express the perfection of their happiness, it seems to me as  
 so extremely remote from normal usage of language as to be hardly worthy of  
 consideration. It seems to me that

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Whether we think the length to be precise as this or not, it is a period of time,  
 not an expression for perfection. Well, now there are those who say--we had a  
 speaker come here and address one of Dr. Buswell's classes a few years ago by  
 invitation and he expressed the idea that that which is vital is what is taught  
 in the didactic portion of the New Testament. That is what we build on--didactic  
 portions of the New Testament. Somebody said to him, "What do you think about