

Prophets (9)

don't understand and won't understand until the times draw near or perhaps even until . Now in this eleventh chapter here, Verse 9, we've noticed the clear, wonderful statement of the millennial reign upon this earth. They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And then we have again this phrase, "and in that day". "In that day", which I believe we find in many contexts means the day I am now going to speak about. It may mean the day just spoken of, it may mean a different day. There is a day coming when—and Verse 10, I think, precedes the passage which we have just had, in chronology. There will be a root of Jesse which will stand for an ensign of the people: to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. Now, this may be a description of Christ reigning in Jerusalem in the millennium time and the people coming to Him as Micah and Isaiah describe. It may be that, but it seems to me that it is probably more likely the seeking Christ previous to the millennium, more likely, but I wouldn't be sure between them. His rest shall be glorious. The word in the Hebrew is "the place of rest"— . The usually indicates either place or instrument and the Roman catholics take it as meaning the place of the rest of His body, in other words, the Holy Sepulcher. The Holy Sepulcher shall be glorious, and take it as a prediction of the church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, which is one of the sacred places in the world to the Roman catholics. I don't think that is warranted in the statement, "His rest shall be glorious." And then the next succeeding section, Verses 11-16, it seems to me is a description of the great acts of the Lord just before the millennium, the great acts of the Lord in putting an end to those who are hostile to Him, in assembling the Jews, in putting the envy of different Jewish groups against each other to an end and uniting them unto Himself. Then, in Chapter 12, "In that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee," a great song of praise to the Lord, Verses 1-6. There isn't much specific in it. It is a beautiful song of praise to the Lord and I think that we will not take time now to look at the chapters 13-23, which are chapters describing various burdens,