

Isaiah 9

new heaven and new earth and an eternal age has come which he describes as the creation of new heavens and a new earth and the former shall not come to mind and that that is described in Vs. 17-25. All right, we read in V. 20, the child shall die a hundred years old and the sinner being a hundred years old will be accursed. Is that a description of the eternal age. Can anyone imagine that that is the situation after the last judgment, that you have death, and that you have sin. I think we must agree that Verses 18-25 describe a time when there is still to some extent sin and death, and therefore I think we must say that Verses 18-25 are not a description of an eternal state. Well if this the case then we have two possibilities. One is to say, as the Scofield Bible does, that V. 17 is a picture of the eternal state but then at V. 18 he comes back to look at the Kingdom age and 18-25 is the Kingdom age while 17 is looking to the eternal state beyond the Kingdom age. Now if you want to interpret it that way I am not objecting, but I am saying that it appears to me more natural to think that 17-25 is a unit and that 17 is describing the same thing here which is described in 18-25, but it isn't particularly vital whether 17 goes with what follows or not. The vital thing is that 18-25 is a unified passage whether it includes 17 or not and that 18-25 cannot possibly be a description of an eternal state. That is impossible. 18-25 must be a description of something which is previous to the eternal state. That is necessary. I think we must agree on that, and the question of whether 17 goes with it, 18-25, or not is an interesting question, perhaps an important question, but a far less important question than if 17 would decide the whole matter of what went up through 25. There is in V. 22 which proves that you cannot take 18-25 as the eternal state, nor is V. 18-25 a picture of the church in this age. Is that a Spiritual picture of the Church and the age," the wolf and the lamb shall dwell together, the lion shall eat straw like the bullock." He was a man who was like a wolf before. He was wicked; he was evil. He was rapacious. Now he is