

didn't. I heard a man say, ~~Why was it~~ Why was it 153 fish that were drawn (in John 21), he said. This man said, it is 153 because one of them was a number which represented a certain quality, and the other was the day of the resurrection, and so that was why there were 153 fish. Well, some would say, Now that's dispensational to get a meaning like that out of it. Well, now in the Bible there are figures which have a meaning. There are many figures which have a meaning, and there are many figures which don't have it. And it is an error to try to read into figures a lot of meaning they don't have. I think he wanted to show us there were lots of fish, 153, there were a great many of them, there weren't just 10 or 12. Now, that's the number there were and He told us. Did it have any further meaning? I doubt very much if it did. ~~There~~ There are many many figures which just tell us how often a thing happens. There are other figures which are symbolic. But, the man who is one of the strongest against premillennialism that I know of, and we will read his article on the subject later on in the prophets course, a very great scholar, and most of what he has written is excellent, but on this he has written an article which tears into premillennialism, and he says, What does it mean when ~~y~~ it says that Christ shall reign for 1000 years? Well, he says 7 is the number of perfect, 3 is the number of deity, 3 and 7 is ten, ten cubed is a thousand, and that's is just to show the perfection of the state of the righteous after death, that it says they live and reign with Christ a thousand years. Well, now I ~~submit~~ submit that that is about as extreme numerics as you will ever find anywhere, and about as absurd numerics as you will ever find anywhere, and that man is about as far away from dispensationalism, and any interpretation you could give, as any man I know of anywhere. And so that to carry numerics ~~to~~ to a ridiculous extent is wrong. I don't think you should carry it very far, as a matter of fact. I think where a number has meaning, God usually makes it clear. But that has nothing in the world to do with dispensationalism. The word is just used in so many terms, but I wish every one of you had access to this commentary of Young's for reference, because I would be much interested in your reaction to his discus-