

be these external dangers. I was out in New Mexico and there was a man who told me he had been out in the desert and had a little cabin there, and said he had a little child in the ~~the~~ front room. He was in the back room. He heard a sound in the front of something banging. And then he heard something slapping twice as hard. And then he heard the little child laugh. And then again he heard a little slap, and then he heard a bigger slap and then he heard the child laugh. That went on two or three times and he wondered what it was. So he came to the door and looked in and he said there was a screen door and the little child was in front of the screen door and outside the screen door was a great big rattle snake. The child would look at the pretty rattle snake, and he would lift his hand and hit the screen door. The door would fly ^{spring} ~~open~~ open a ways, and just then the rattle snake would take a great/and it would hit the screen and it would go shut with a bang. And the child would laugh with glee. The child was putting his hand on the hole of the asp. He wasn't a bit afraid. There was no fear in the midst of danger. But that's not what this is talking about. The man didn't sit and say, Isn't this wonderful. What a ~~o~~ wonderful fulfillment of this that the child would put his hand on the hole of the asp. No, the man said, he stepped back quickly and grabbed his gun and rushed around quickly to the side and shot the snake, afraid of his life that the snake would go through the screen door and would strike the child, or that the child would strike the screen door hard enough to make it go wide open and then the snake would get right at the ~~child~~ child.

So this is a very vivid description of the ending of all external danger on the earth reaching the point described in vs. 9, They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mt. for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Vs. 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesseglorious. And so we have this wonderful picture here of the millennial kingdom that is coming through this One Immanuel who repalces Ahaz. The One who has the power greater than the power of the Assyrian empire by far. The One who comes first with his wonderful teaching that brings light to the people that have sa-t in darkness. He comes with His wonderful teaching. He comes to give the answer to the sin which is back of all the problems, but