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or, if necessary, that we disarm, that we cut down preparation for war that we do away with war, we pick up one of our magazines today, and we are apt to find an article in which it says that there are people who are thinking the unthinkable. How ~~is~~ unthinkable it is that that there should be an atom war, war with atom ~~bombe~~ bombs or hydrogen bombs, it is so unbearable that they say that it probably means that there is going to be no more war. Because nobody will be able to face such terrors as this, and therefore we ~~has~~ had best just disarm and do away with all war preparations. ^a As I look at this verse here, I think that there are two questions/
we should ask about it, One is, is this/verse advising ~~this-~~ disarmament? or is it a prediction of a time when there will be disarmament? Another question would be: What is ^{What is} the context of the verse? /The first part of the verse which is so often overlooked. How is ~~it~~ this telling us **what we should do? Is it saying ~~that~~** that Christian nation should do ' if they should beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks, and stop learning war. Is that what it is? Well, if so, ^{certainly our Lord Jesus Christ} ~~these words~~ would be quite contradictory, because in Matt. 10:34, we find that Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a ~~w~~ sword." No wonder that modernists think that the Bible ~~of~~ is full of contradictions. Because these two verses contradict each other as sharply as any two verses can. If you take either of them as a statement of what the Christians should do, if that is what ~~he-~~ they should do, if he stands for ~~this--~~ disarmament, and if he should do what the Lord has said~~d~~, for Jesus said, "Think not that I am~~d~~ come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." Of course, the answer is that neither of these two verses are telling us what to do, for both of ~~the~~m are predicting what is going to happen. And when Jesus said/~~d~~ that I come not to send peace, but a sword, and when he says, Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be ~~caled~~ led the children of God, He was not saying that we should try to bring war, that we should bring a sword, but ^{he was} saying that the result