

But does this sound as if it relates to the earth as a whole rather than just the small amount of reprovng He did then. We can continue: "He will reprove with equity for the meek of the earth and he will smite the earth with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked" That doesn't describe the first coming of Chirst. That doesn't fit with it at all does it? This shows him coming with power and the breath of his lips slaying the wicked. That fits perhaps with what he'll do at his second coming but it hardly seems to fit with the first coming.

Then it continues with a statement about whom which could fit him at any time: (v .5) "And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins and faithfulness the girdle of his waist." That could fit his first coming or his secondcoming. It's a description of Him rather than what he does at a particular time.

But now from vv.6-9 we have a description of the results of his activity. As a result of his activity a certain condition is going to be established. What is this condition? As we noticed part of his statement about his coming sounds as if he means his second coming, rather than the first. Parts of it fit in with either one. But what's the condition he's going to establish. Verses 6-9 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid . . . little child shall lead them . . . lion shall eat straw like the ox . . . they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain . . . " Here's a description of a condition that's going to come as a result of the coming of Christ. It sounds more as if it means the second coming than the first, but let's not prejudge that. One coming or the other is going to produce this condition. What's this condition? It's a universal condition. The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. The sea is completely covered by water. Can you say the earth today is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea? Can you say America is full of the knowledge of the Lord . . .? Can you say New Jersey is? Cape May? Can you even say this room is? Has there ever been an area at any time about which we could say that every part of it is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea? It is a universal condition here described and it's a condition which He says is to apply to the whole earth. . . .A universal condition, a condition to exist here on earth.

It's perfectly clear that this description nor the description we saw in Micah is a description of heaven. They are descriptions of this earth. They are something to take place on earth. This v. makes it perfectly clear as do other passages that it's a universal condition that is described. It is going to be this way everywhere. They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain . . . That is a condition which is to a result of Christ's coming, either his first or second. It sounds more like the second but let's not be too dogmatic at this point. One or the other coming will establish this universal earthly condition? Is that the church? Is that a description of the present age? Is that a description of our situation as the amils would say it is? Or is it a description of something that must apply to every person on earth. It seems to me the only sensible way you can interpret it is that it is a description that applies to everyone on this earth.