

In other words a post mil can take this and say Yes before Christ comes back every man, woman and child on the earth will be converted and consequently nobody will hurt nor destroy. A premil can take it and say, Yes, not on account of the Gospel, the result of his first coming specifically but on account of what He does at his second coming when he smites the earth with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips slays the wicked, on account of that and his establishing His throne in Jerusalem, there will be then a time when righteousness will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea and they will not hurt nor destroy anywhere.

Either of those is far thus far in our investigation, that is post mil or pre mil, but amil you've just got to take the ch. and throw it out of the Bible! I don't like to speak harshly, but I dd not see how anybody can be an amil and accept the Bible as God's Word in its entirety! He has to take this passage and the passage in Micah and a number of other passages and throw them out because they are so clearly either pre or post mil definitely not amil.

Now is this premil or post mil? It is ~~far~~ before or after the coming of Christ? Look at those 2 vv. we read, vv.6-8. "The wolf will dwell with the lamb; the leppard will lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion and fatling together and a little child will lead them. Cow and bear shall feed . . . weaned child will put hand on adders den. Amils say that is a picture of the condition of the Christian who when he was unsaved was like a wolf and now he's become like a lamb. He was formerly ferocious, mean, brutal and now he's become kindly and peaceful. That is the description of the change! That is not what it says. That's not ~~xxx~~ what the passage says at all. It does not say there is going to be peace in the heart in the midst of danger. The NT teaches we can have peace in the midst of danger. If we belong to Christ we can have that peace in our hearts and we're entitled to it. The Christina should not worry because he knows Christ controls all things, and though the storm rages around him he knows tht God controls and he can have absolute peace in his heart.

But that's not the teaching of this passage. This passage teaches there will still be wolves and still be lambs but the wolf will dwell with the lamb. That doesn't mean the wolf will dwell with the lamb inside it! It must mean they can live together without the lamb needing to be afraid of the wolf. Look at that satatement about the weaned child putting his hand on the adders den. When I was out in N. Mexico in mission work after my first year in seminary I was out there on the desert and I talked to a man who told of an experience he had in a cabin on the desert. A little two room cabin there, and he had a little child. The child was in the front f room of the cabin and playing there. The father was in the back room, the mother was away at the time. As the father sat there reading in the evening he heard the child laugh and then he heard a sound as if something struck something and then he heard a sound as if a door was opened and something else struck and then the child laughed his head off. The father thought, My that child is having a lot of fun, I wonder what's happening. So he went to the door and peeked in and there he saw the front door open in that hot summer heat and there was a screen on the door and outside the screen there was a great rattlesnake, and it would strike and hit the screen and the child would laugh his head of and then he would hit the screen with his hand and the screen would fly open toward the snake and it would strike again and hit the screen and it would shut tight.