

fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed. Their young ones shall lie down together. The lion shall eat straw like the ox and the nursing child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adders den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea".

Well now, here's a description of a ~~condition~~ condition which is going to come as a result of the coming of Christ. It sounds more as if it means a second coming than the first, but let's not ~~be~~ prejudge that. One coming, or the other, is going to produce this condition/. And what is the condition? It is 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 that the earth is today full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea? Can you say that America is full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea? Can you say that New Jersey is? Can you say ~~that~~ that Cape May is? Can you even say that this room is? Has there ever been an area of any size in which we can say that every part of it is as filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea? It is a universal condition ~~that~~ that is here described, and it is a condition which he says is to apply to the whole earth: the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. A universal condition, a condition to exist here upon earth. it's perfectly clear that neither this nor the description we saw in Micah is a ~~description~~ description of heaven. They are descriptions of this earth. They are ~~descriptions~~ something that is going to take place on this earth. And this makes it perfectly clear, as do many other passages, that it is a universal condition that is described. It is going to be this way everywhere. "They will not hurt nor destroy in all my ~~holy~~ holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." And that is a ~~condition~~ condition which is to be result of the coming of Christ, either/^{of}the first coming, or the second. It sounds more like the second coming, but let's not speak too dogmatically about that at this point.