

world in order that we can realize that the Bible is a book that speaks to us and deals with us where we are rather than a book which simply talks of things entirely different from the situation in which we live. God has a message here for every human heart . And at a particular time like the beginning of the going out of the gospel, He worked this great Pentecostal miracle here, but today He wants us to ~~let-Him~~ His instrument , His channel, ~~so-~~ through which His word can go out , as His spirit touches hearts and leads them to a knowledge of Christ through our message . Now our time is going along, and I'm afraid I want have much time to glance at the latter part of this ~~cha~~ book. The next chapter is all looking forward into the future, and as He looks forward into the future here, you see verses 8 and 9 and ~~w~~ you say, Well, this is like what our Lord Jesus Christ said. Jesus said I come not to bring peace but a ~~swed~~ sword . Verse nine says, "Proclaim ye this among the nations." It says Gentiles in the K.J.; that's perfectly all right . The old ~~g~~ Greek word ~~Gentile-~~ Gentiles means nations . Usually it refers to the nations other than the Jews, but sometimes you see ~~if~~ it of the Jews. It means the nations. "Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up; Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong." People say, Oh, we have to have peace . We don't care what people believe in , we must have peace . Let's establish peace throughout the world . Peace without justice is impossible. Was it Winston Churchill, who said, When we are so interested in peace that we give up justice for the sake of peace, we soon find we have neither justice nor peace." And that is the way that it works out, You have to have justice, you have to have righteousness, and then you can have peace. Jesus said, I come not to bring peace but a ~~swed~~ sword. He brings a sword into the world that is turned away from God . We are much more familiar with the passage in ~~Micha~~ Micah and Isaiah which says Beat your swords into plowshares