

describes the inner peace and harmony of the church. You are ~~at~~ twisting this if you try to make it describe the church, and it looks as if in the end he just gives it up. He couldn't do it anymore. None shall make them afraid, he says, all the enemies of mankind having been overcome by the power of the Messiah.

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The enemies of mankind having been overcome by the power of the Messiah is a concept which fits in either with a post-millennialism when everyone shall have become a Christian, or with pre-millennialism, when Christ shall have returned, and established His (1). But it does not fit with the church. And I simply read that as an interesting illustration, my guess is that professor Kretzmann has not specialized in eschatology. My guess is that he has specialized in the great doctrines of grace, and given us very great explanations of the many points, and then when he comes to this, he simply tries to fit them in to his preconceived theory, that this is the kingdom today. He tries to fit them in, but then when he finds it impossible, he admits it. And I thought this was an interesting illustration of (1 1/2) and then giving it up. And if you are going to give it up you might as well give it up all the way through, and take the words as they stand, instead of trying to say that when it says, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, this describes the inner peace and harmony of the church. It isn't a way to describe it. When he says nation, he ~~is~~ certainly doesn't mean the church. He certainly doesn't mean a part of the (2). And it is not true. It has not yet occurred. So post-millennialism has as its great, good point that it recognizes the universality of the coming earthly kingdom. I told you already about the man I talked with who has written a book on Prophecy and the Church, which had great influence, Professor Allis, I was once his assistant. And he felt very strong on this, but his book was ~~in~~ nearly all negative. He doesn't express a view. He attacks views. And he attacks this, that and that and that. And he - I don't think he gives any - gathers together a consistent view, but his attacks seem to fit in, with an a-millennial view. But he is constantly saying how all these old testament predictions are predictions of the church, and of the blessings which we have today. Here I have a book by Kik. Rev. J. Marcellus Kik, who is now assistant editor of a magazine, Christianity Today.