

He has a book here called Revelation 20, An Exposition. Dr. Allis says in the front, Covered in Revelation 20, Mr. Kik has given us a careful and scholarly exposition of this important chapter. Now in this book, Kik discusses the fact that Satan is bound for a thousand years as described in Revelation 20, and he says, he discusses all the parts of the book, and here is an example of the way he treats it. He says, page 29, the trouble is we have altogether too materialistic a concept of Millennial blessing. He says a natural objection against this view that this is today, is that the period from the first coming of our Lord to the present time, can hardly be described as a millennium. One thing, wars have not ceased, and wickedness is still very much prevalent. But he says, the trouble is, we have altogether a too materialistic concept of the millennial blessings. We fail to see that the greatest blessings are spiritual, and that they are in our midst. We are looking for a material kingdom, a material throne, a material prosperity. In this we fall into the same error of the carnal expectation of the Jews, and the error with which our Lord has had to contend with ~~his~~ his own disciples. We fail to see that the greatest millennial blessings are already in our midst. According to the promise, the great blessings of the latter days would be the coming of the Messiah, and the establishment of His kingdom. This has been <sup>accomplished</sup> a promise. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is another blessing. This has been accomplished. Salvation for all that call upon the Lord was another blessing of the Messianic reign. This has been accomplished. The inclusion and conversion of the Gentile nations in the covenant blessings was another thing to occur. This has been accomplished and is in the process of fulfillment. An individual Christian may ask himself this question, what ~~more~~ more can the popular conception of the Millennium give me than I already possess. And then he goes on and discusses that ~~w~~ for a paragraph, and next says, what more does a Christian desire. More material prosperity. Is not the Lord wealth enough? Perhaps we desire less tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword, but are we not in all these things more than conquerors in Him that loved us? What we really want is victory over personal sin, but is not that promised in this dispensation? We need not wait for the so called future