

If the Jews believed at one time something similar to pre-millennialism, if they got it from their imagination, why it has nothing to do with truth. If they got it from the Old Testament, it is a witness to the fact that that is what the Old Testament teaches. But we are not interested in what people have held, but what the Bible holds. Whether the Jews believed it or not, does not make it true. But what the Bible says.

c. It is said to be too earthly. This objection was made as long ago as Eusebius. Eusebius, the great church historian, one of the first strong opponents of pre-millennialism. In his discussion of the early church fathers, it is recognized that practically all of them were pre-millennialists, and one of them who was outspokenly pre-millennialist, Eusebius hated for that reason, that was Papias. And Eusebius, speaking about Papias, said Papias wrote about how big the oranges were going to be, and the grapes in the time of the Millennium. Etc, and evidently Papias let his imagination go, and he saw a great, wonderful paradise, perhaps he had been out in the desert for awhile, and got terribly hungry for fresh food, and he imagined great wonderful delicious fruit etc, and Eusebius says, you see this terrible earthly imagination these people have, to believe in a thousand years reign of Christ. Well, no body imagination affects the thing, but the fact is that the Bible predicts in place after place, wonderful agriculture prosperity, upon the earth, in the time of the Millennium. And as to whether the fruits will be exactly the way they are now, or whether there are some changes, we ~~w~~ are not told. It does not affect the view but it is one of the big attacks that is made on it. It is too earthly. There are those who say that the kingdom of Christ is entirely in our hearts, and it is ridiculous for to think of anything like this which is earthly, and that is Jewish. It is very interesting to see here a little ~~Book~~ ~~by Freud~~ by Floyd E. Hamilton on the Basis of Millennial Faith in which he can't understand why it is that Gentile Christians should believe in pre-millennialism because pre-millennialism he says, gives the Jews a great place in the kingdom. He says, one of the inexplicable questions that arises in the mind of a non-pre-millennialist, when one examines the theory of pre-millennialism which holds that the Jewish kingdom will be restored, and be supreme during the alledged millennium, ~~is~~ why there