

temple. If so, did not Christ die in vain. Now that is a criticism of pre-millennialism which is made as commonly as any that I know of against it. You will hear it constantly and repeatedly, why pre-millennialism can't be right because if so, it means that animal sacrifices will be reestablished. Well, have I said anything about reestablishment of animal sacrifices, as to the definition of what pre-millennialism means. Of course, he says this is to be so, if the Old Testament prophecies are to be taken literally. Well, whoever said that every word of the Old Testament prophecies are to be taken literally. You can't take every word in any book literally. You must take the figures of speech where you find them. But when you find it said that they will turn their swords into ~~pruninghooks~~, plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks, why, the - and nation will not lift up sword against nation, and learn war no more

(14 1/4). It may not mean anything about swords or plowshares, it is a figurative treatment for planes and atomic bombs, but it does say something about cessation of war, and external peace and safety. The insistence that pre-millennialism says that everything in the Bible is to be taken literally, is of course (14 1/2). When it says all nations shall flow unto Zion that it means that there will be a stream of water and that the nations shall just flow. It is figurative language of course. The figurative has a meaning. It is not figurative so that you can make anything mean anything, but we must see what the basic meaning of it is. And when it says that the wolf and the lamb will dwell together, it does not mean that the lamb will dwell inside the wolf and it doesn't mean the lamb will be turned

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k Figurative or literal, that is what (1). But in one place there is a mention of restoration. One place, that is the last eight chapters of Ezekiel. Those last eight chapters of Ezekiel are a difficult passage to interpret, a very difficult passage to interpret. It does not say this is what is going to happen. Nothing of the kind. Ezekiel says, I saw this and I saw that, and I saw the other, and it describes a condition which is very very hard to imagine in any literal way. He sees the condition in Palestine very different geographically, in Palestine than it is today. Is it a ~~see~~ picture of geographic changes that are going to take place in the future, or is it a vision of certain great spiritual realities. I don't see how we can be dogmatic