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in any fair way, and post-millennialism is impossible if you interpret the NT° in any fair way.

Now we've seen the <sup>OT°</sup>~~OT°~~ so clearly brings out the truth of the millennium, but we can't expect it to bring out so clearly the truth of the rapture as it does the millennium. In fact I don't think the OT° brings out the truth of Christ's atonement quite as clearly as it brings out the millennium. ~~It~~ It does bring it out in a number of passages, and Christ said to the men on the Emmaus road, he called them "fools, and slow of heart to believe ~~I~~ all that the prophets have spoken:" He said, "Ought not Christ to have ~~if~~ suffered these things, ~~and to enter into his glory~~ He said, "You should have been able to see in the OT° that it's there." Well, I'm not sure that they should have been able ~~to~~ to see from the ~~OT~~ OT° the teaching of the rapture. But I do say this, that, once you have it explained fully in the NT°, you look back and you find that Isaiah did in fact predict it, and did predict it I think in a remarkable way.

And so let us look back at that now. Let us look at Is° 26. And when I look back at the 26th chapter of Is° (we've noticed previously these chapter ~~divisions~~ divisions don't make a great ~~deal~~ deal of difference; they're good to find places, but not necessarily ~~ix~~ divisions in the thought). Let us look at verse 12, and look on from there. Verse 12 of chapter 26 of Is°: "LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us." Now that is certainly a clear presentation of salvation by faith, that it is God who works in us, that it is He who works our works in us, and ~~ix~~ it He who ordains peace for us, <sup>the</sup> peace of God in our hearts through Christ. Certainly that is what this verse means. And that certainly has been true of those who believe, of God's true people in all ages. But it has been more clearly understood since the coming of Christ than before. And so I think it is very reasonable to say, this verse expresses this very wonderful truth which could be true at any time, but does it suggest that it is looking forward to the time when salvation through Christ's atonement will be more clearly understood than before? I think the next verse makes evident that that is what it is doing, because, look at verse 13: "O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name." Now every one of us who is not of Jewish descent has had