

believe what would be the sense of fuling with a rod of iron? It does not say much about it, but it certainly implies that the possibility there will be at that time some on earth at least who will need the rod of iron in order to keep them in order. He will rule with a rod of iron, and things will be so safe that you can sit out under your own vine and fig tree and none will make you afraid. That ~~was~~ meant a great deal to the Israelite: to be able to go out from the closed in ~~a~~ city where he lived, and sit out there in open and not fear that some army of another nation might come, or some brigand might come or someone might come and attack you. When working on your fields with an eye open for someone who might come --(not that) but when you were just sitting and relaxing under your fig tree. He says men will not learn war any more because He will control things and it would not be necessary to learn war any more. These are the promises that are so clearly made in the OT.

The OT saints looked for the coming of this glorious time of happiness and joy. If they studied their OT carefully and if they gave thought to the meaning of the sacrifices they offered, they realized it must come in relation to some solution of the problem of sin through God having provided that for which the sacrifices stood, and it must come through supernatural power, but the details of it they did not know until there were revealed to us in the NT. In the NT we were told over and over that we do not know when our Lord is coming, but we must be ready; we must be looking for it. We are not told much until we get to the book of Revelation about what he ~~is~~ is going to do when He comes. But when you turn to the 19th ch. of Revelation you find at the end of ch. 19 some words which it seems to me are so clear that I don't see how anything but a propositional statement could possibly be made regarding them.