

We looked at these commentaries and none of them even noticed the connection or referred to, they don't notice it. (stu.) In v.9 that they will not hurt or destroy for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. You say right away how would the fullness of the knowledge of the Lord keep animals from hurting or destroying. I mean it is quite evident in the verse, it would seem to me, that the verse is talking about men, now it may include animals, but the men are there, in any event. (stu) The amillennial or postmillennial interpretation would say that these animals are simply figures for men, so if the animals from v.6-8 represent men, then of course this means men, whether it refers back to the animals which stand for men or whether it refers directly to men, but if you take that as animals before, and if you take it as a true prediction, then it certainly is a prediction of great changes in the whole of the physical world, not simply as a thing in the spiritual world. And you felt that your commentators took it that way? (stu) I feel that it's either animals directly or it's animals representing men, but if it is animals directly why what would be the point of animals not fighting, if men were still fighting. In other words, it either represents animals which represent men, or if it animals there is an implication

(12) in any event. It is a time of external peace and safety, when men won't hurt you. Or it is a time of external peace and safety when neither men nor animals will hurt. One or the other. We'll have to stop now, we'll discuss this tomorrow in class some more, and I guess I'll give you the assignment tomorrow...

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... seems most likely here that we're just talking about Israel, ~~because~~

all this before. Of course he says the Lord sent

Israel is what is in mind here rather than Judah. You have in v.8 you go clear back to the original situation. All the people shall know, even Ephraim, and the inhabitants of Samaria. It is the northern kingdom he is speaking of. Well, now from the viewpoint of the northern kingdom, the Syrians are their allies, but evidently