

all talking about the present period, or is it about the future kingdom, before Christ's return. It suggests one of those rather than later, but it doesn't prove it. It might even thus far, be able to fit in with a view after His return. Continuing verse 2, AND MANY NATIONS SHALL COME, mainly in the representatives whom the Lord would choose (10), now that suggests it is right now, doesn't it? It doesn't prove it, but it suggests it. AND SAY, COME AND LET US GO TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, the place where salvation is proclaimed, AND TO THE HOUSE OF THE GOD OF JACOB: The church of the Messiah, AND HE WILL TEACH US OF HIS WAYS, the one way of deliverance and sanctification, AND WE WILL WALK IN HIS PATHS: in agreement with the revealed truth concerning sanctification of the Lord's people, FOR THE LAW as the revelation of the holy and righteous will of God, SHALL GO FORTH OF ZION, AND THE WORD OF THE LORD particularly in the revelation of the way of salvation FROM JERUSALEM. the proclamation of the Word in speaking of sin and grace being in the hands of the church. It is from Jerusalem, he doesn't mean from the church. Well, that is not impossible. Jerusalem can be a picture for the center of God's blessing, wherever it may be. We do not say that is impossible. Verse 3, AND HE the God of the covenant, SHALL JUDGE AMONG MANY PEOPLE, teaching them true justice in accordance with His will, AND REBUKE STRONG NATIONS AFAR OFF; to make them cease their enmity against Him. AND THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, AND THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNINGHOOKS: Now there is a specific statement. Has that been fulfilled? Was that fulfilled when the Roman soldiers held the world in a peaceful state for a long time until there weren't wars? The Roman soldiers had plenty of swords. They weren't beating them into pruninghooks. Maybe the people, that would have liked to have their independence and have little petty wars all the time, had to beat theirs into pruninghooks, because of the Romans, Pusey says that was the fulfillment of this. But it is pretty hard to believe that. Well, when did that happen? Well, after the last war. We immediately put our battle ships in moth balls. We beat our spears into pruninghooks, and our swords we gave away. But now we are building again. So you surely wouldn't think it was fulfilled now. What does he say? He says, THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, AND THEIR