

like he would have felt in such a case. What's the use of talking? You're not paying attention. I've been giving you this for 40 days and telling you that I'm never going to restore the kingdom to Israel; I'm going to give you peace in the heart; I'm going to give you these wonderful gospel blessings. and then I'm coming back and that's the end. There's not going to be any golden age at all." But they said, Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" And there is no statement of His being upset or disturbed at all at their thinking that there was going to be ~~for~~ something that could be called, restoring again the Kingdom of Israel. Instead of ~~that~~ that we read in vs. 7. He said unto them (read text.)..... but you shall receive power and be witnesses throughout the world "It is not for you to know the times and seasons" He doesn't say, This is a complete misunderstanding, I've explained it to you fully, you should have understood it by now. He says, You're not to know when this is going to happen. And so the disciples went out and for the next two centuries we find all --- all the evidence we have shows that practically all of the Christian writers in the next two centuries occasionally looked forward to the wonderful golden age when Jesus would restore the kingdom to Israel and set up His great kingdom of peace and happiness and joy upon this earth, and then in the 4th cent. when some turned violently against this view -- Eusebius perhaps the most outstanding --he would speak of some writer in the 2nd cent. and say,"He was a man of very low intelligence. He thought that after Christ comes back He is going to ~~to~~ set up a kingdom in which there would be strawberries that would grow as big as watermelons, and anybody who could think of such fool things as that just shows the ridiculousness of the idea. Well, whether Papius had a fool idea and (thought) that God would make strawberries grow as big as watermelons or not, or whether this is a misinterpretation ~~of~~ of Papius, I don't know. But it certainly is clear that the early Christians expected a time which could be called a golden age which would be introduced by Christ at his coming, but which would not occur before. Now this golden age, this idea there is going to be a golden age, upon this earth, is an idea which is clearly taught at many places in the OT