

wrote any commentary on the Bk. of Rev. He was interested in the situation right then. The fight against the papacy and the desire to make the truth of salvation through Christ known and the change that would come into people's lives through it. That's what he was interested in. But it is interesting to read what Calvin says about this 11th chap. of Isa. On his Com. on Isa. here Vol. I, p. 383 discussing this statement: "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb." -- Calvin says, "The prophet's discourse looks beyond this. For it amounts to a promise that there will be a blessed restoration of the world. He describes the order that was at the beginning before man's apostasy produced the unhappy and melancholy change under which we groan. Whence comes the ~~state~~^{cruelty} of ?? which prompts the stronger to seize and rend and devour with dreadful violence the weaker animals? There would certainly have been no discord among the creatures of God if they ~~had~~ had remained in ~~the~~ their first and original condition. When they exercised cruelty toward each other and the weak need to be protected against the strong, it is evidence of the disorder which has ^{sprung} sprung from the sinfulness of man. Christ having come in order to reconcile the work of God by the removal of the curse, it is not without reason that the restoration of a perfect state is ascribed to him. As if the prophets had said that the golden age will return in which perfect happiness existed before the fall of man and the shock and ruin of the world which followed." Thus you see Calvin takes this passage literally -- that there is to be a change in the constitution of the world so that there will not be violence, but so that there will be external peace. But Calvin goes on in his commentary putting his great emphasis on that which was ^{dearest} nearest to his heart -- the change that comes in the character of people when they believe in Christ. So that's what he talks about and emphasizes in the succeeding pages. But excellent, careful exegesis that he was he recognized that this teaches that there was to be a golden age in which the curse would be removed.

Now that would have seemed to have been the view of the Apostle Paul also. Then we turn to the Bk. of ~~Romans~~ Romans 8:18 -- "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time(finish quote)waits for the manifestation of the sons of God." Now this word is translated "creature" at this point in the KJV and "creation" a little further along. Because the word ~~it~~ describes the whole creation and also ^{refers to the} describes the