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should lack of historical sense in that. He took it literally that it is going to happen, but I think that he showed quite a lack of historical sense in saying that those bloody years of the Middle Ages were the millennium of peace and righteousness predicted in the NT or in the OT. Abraham Kuyper, the great Dutch theologian, in his Com. on Rev. said that this 1000 yrs. means perhaps a period of a few minutes. He said that Christ will return to this earth, he will establish control; the righteous will be raised from the dead, then they will be brought up to heaven with him and then the wicked will be raised from the dead, and the period of a few ~~minutes~~ minutes in between is what we call the 1000 yrs. in Rev. six times. Well it seems to me that's twisting the scriptures pretty badly. It isn't what we feel we'd like to believe. It's what the Scripture says. If you're going to take a method of interpretation like that why not follow Warfield instead. Warfield said the number of deity is three, the number of perfection is 7; 3 and 7 is 10; 10 cubed is 1000. Therefore he said, When it says 1000 yrs. it means perfection and shows the perfection of the happiness of the saints in the intermediate period before the return of Christ. It is hard to imagine a grt. scholar like Warfield writing a thing like that. He wrote so many wonderful explanations and discussions of other passage. It is reprinted in his works. As I read that, I really was shocked, and then I read what Dr. Buswell said, and I felt he was right. Dr. Buswell said, that we read what Warfield said about the millennium we feel as if a grt. mind preoccupied with other matters is trying to dismiss an unfamiliar subject with as little thought as possible. And it seems to me there is no other way to understand it. But it's strange how many people are writing attacking premillennialism. There have been a dozen books published in the last 20 yrs. giving new interpretations of the millennium supposedly, which are peace in the heart; which are the intermediate state; which are it is really a picture of heaven. Something that twists it away like that. Why do people spend their time on such a thing? Suppose there isn't a millennium. What great harm is there if some people think there is going to be one? I believe the Bible clearly teaches it and I believe we should clearly stand on what the Bible teaches but if a person wants to preach on the things that immediately