

passage is figurative the whole thing is reduced to nonsense. One can then make anything mean anything. It is an insult to the Word of God to say that God would speak in such a way. The Old Testament predicts the coming of Christ, tells where He is to be born, how He is to be born, where He is to begin His preaching, how He is to do His healing work, and describes many details of His sacrificial death. These are literal predictions, literally fulfilled. It is only reasonable to consider that our present passages also, while containing great spiritual blessing, are indeed pictures of a universal condition of righteousness and peace that is to exist upon this earth and to be introduced by the personal intervention of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Another method that is sometimes used by those whose preconceptions or prejudices lead them to reject the Biblical teaching about the Millennial kingdom of Christ is to try to show that such an occurrence could not happen or that it would be unnatural. Occasionally one hears of an interpreter who declares that there cannot be a Millennial kingdom because, he says, if one is to take the prophecies about the Millennium literally he will have to believe that the Book of Ezekiel predicts a reestablishment of animal sacrifices such as were made in Jerusalem before 70 A.D.

This objection is really rather absurd. If it should be God's will to reestablish sacrifices as a means of looking back to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, just as in the days before Jesus' first coming they looked forward to His sacrifice, the fact that some human being might not like this is no reason for rejecting the clear Biblical teaching about Christ's Millennial kingdom. It should be pointed out, however, that this part of Ezekiel is one of the more difficult passages of Scripture. We