

.....it is like a very sudden change, and of course, the postmil believe that this is a gradual thing which has~~x~~ happened, so it doesn't quite fit. But now the amil view does not believe in a conquest of the world by the preaching of the gospel. They do not believe it. What then is this stone smiting the image and filling the whole earth? Actually what is it. Here's Dr. Young's commentary which holds the amil view, and when it speaks of this it is a little hard to see exactly how it feels that it has been fulfilled,~~y~~ or that it is being fulfilled. He says that the stone is the Christian church, God's kingdom, and he says, the stone was rolling before the image was destroyed, but according to the amil view, the progress of Christianity is strictly a spiritual thing. There is no political change in the world. There is no ~~rule~~ ^{rule} of righteousness in this age. There is nothing like/ that. The image still continues till the end of the age. But he says, this happened in the time of the fourth kingdom. It must be the first coming of Christ. It can't be anything later, because the Roman Empire is now at an end, it can't refer to anything yet to come, it must refer to something that already has come, must be the first coming of Christ. Well, how does it fill the whole world then? When is the image destroyed completely? It certainly has not been destroyed yet? Christianity became the major ~~religion~~ religion of the Roman Empire. Yes. But the Roman empire was very very far from being Christianized, and though the leaders gave lip service, Christianity became worldly in many ways, it was3.... after the Roman Empire became nominally Christianized than before. I just don't see how, from the amil point, how this fits, this picture. Now, of course, a picture doesn't have to fit exactly. You can have a parable, you can have a dream in which you have a great principle presented, and the little details don't matter, but I can't help having the feeling that if this is a picture of the first coming of Christ, the details should be..., some other picture would fit so much better that it is hard to image why this particular ~~one~~ one would have been selected. That is what I would say. I would say in ch.2 here along let's not be dogmatic on it. Let's go on and compare other chapters and see where we get, but as far as trying to fit with ~~the~~ history as we know it, the picture here, considering the