

Be very careful about visiting Palestine and seeing the roses growing and thinking that is the fulfillment of Isaiah 35. If it is, the Millennium is short lived. Just -- I mean -- you ought to be your own guide on those things. I am prone to be too cautious. Others are prone to be too reckless. Between us you have got to find a medium somewhere, and you probably have each one found it. But I have not really found it yet. But see just like the passage I mentioned in Ezekiel, with regard to Judah being a terror to Egypt. Judah has been a terror to Egypt many times in the course of history, and it is kind of a mistake to say that what is happening in the Middle East today is per se the necessary fulfillment of that particular prophecy. It may be, but you will not know it for awhile yet. You just don't know how the course of things will go in 50 years. The problem that we face is that we live right now.

And living right now, we see things in an exaggerated light. I have his book upstairs -- or not upstairs, but I have his book, in which a man preaching down at Ocean City in 1892 and interpreting the Zionist movement as the budding of the fig tree, set down a beautiful scene of things. He called for Armageddon to begin in conflicts in Europe about 1939 with great persecution of the Jews. ~~That's hitting it pretty~~ That's hitting it pretty close, don't you think? He calls for the Millennium to start consequently about 1946. And for eternal ~~peace~~ peace to be the watch word thereafter. So he might have hit the ~~beginning~~ beginning of great wars and the persecution of the Jews pretty well in '39, but he has really mused it on the big peace _____. I didn't even get into the Army to fight until '49. So whatever the case is, see. We see things in exaggerated sequence ^{because} ~~because~~ we are living right on the spot. That's like you sit in a room like this and you think it is the hottest place in the world, but there are thousands of places much hotter, like the kitchen downstairs! There are thousands of places much hotter. You don't happen to be there right at the particular moment.

I offer a few books on the end of this thing. Books on prophecy are legion. These just happen to be books that take up the matter of fulfilled and unfulfilled ^{notes} better than other ones do. I have no texts on unfulfilled predictions. Just the things I have worked with on my own. Any ~~question~~ question on your minds? See the problem is a real one although it is not the kind that beats our faith. We look and think that no doubt in God's providence and Redemptive purposes these things will be fulfilled. If one thinks that he has to hard, fast solution that he can pin his hat on and preach three or four sermons on it, ^{he} is not likely ^{to} ~~to~~ get that. But he can get a measure of satisfaction