

terpreters of prophecy, before the prophecy has been fulfilled, have almost always misinterpreted.

Brethren, I confess to you, no theory of Millenium appeals to me. I have read scores of books, and traets and pamphlets. I have read columns of texts, gathered from Genesis to Revelation, some of them appropriate, and most of them having no reference or bearing whatever on the subject, for texts are only of value as they are used in harmony with their context. I have also read my Bible. I have read it more than any of these other books. Personally I prefer to take my theology from it. And I believe that if God had desired to reveal His programme of the future He could have done it, and would have done it in such a clear and definite way that even one so dull as I am could have understood. But I absolutely refuse to believe that the Bible is a puzzle box for the most ingenious or imaginative to weave fantastic theories from. The following statement of Dr. A. S. Peake is appropriate and valuable:

Bible

No Puzzle

Box

“The Bible is not a book of puzzles. We must not degrade that glorious literature into a collection of ingenious conundrums. It was not given to humanity as a whetstone on which to sharpen its wits by propounding clever guesses in answer to obscure riddles. It was not the Divine intention that we should use the Bible as a pick-lock to force our way into those secrets of the times and seasons, the knowledge of which the Father has reserved to Himself alone. They present a melancholy spectacle who understand so little the true meaning of Scripture that their attention is concentrated