

you know who is doing the talking. The Lord does the talking, the horses are they that go to and fro for God throughout all the earth, and now a message is going to come from God. And in verse 11 we read, "and they answered". The "they" goes back to the "these", of course, the horses. Now you don't think of horses talking, but if you've had a good nightmare sometime, you've seen all sorts of things that don't really happen happen and in visional senses, horses may talk as well as people. They express the expectation of the understanding that God gives to them. And so they say, the horses say, they answered the angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle trees and they say, we have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. Does this mean that nobody was moving? Does this mean that noone was walking? Does it mean that all over the earth in its whole global system where they have light in one part, and they've got dark in another part, nobody was doing anything? Apparently it doesn't mean that, does it? If it would, it would have to be in a very figurative sense. But they say, we have gone through all the earth and we see that the whole world is at rest. So what? So, in verse 12, Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, Oh Lord of hosts - direct address to heaven, how long wilt thou not have mercy, and note the word "not" in this verse, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which you had indignation three score and ten years. What were the threescore and ten years? The Babylonian captivity. The angel saith to the Lord, how long wilt you not have mercy on Judah and Jerusalem which have been in captivity for seventy years. God has already had mercy on them, hasn't He. They have already come back from Babylon. What does He mean, not have mercy. Well, how