

On The Eve Of Armageddon

STRUCK WITH DIVINE JUSTICE

Similar to this is the instruction given to Ezekiel. After he beholds the terrible wrath of God poured out upon the nations which then existed, his eye pierces the future to the events of “the latter years.” And there, in connection with the consummation of the great controversy between a rebellious race and its Creator, he sees the countless foes of God marshaling themselves to battle against Jehovah, like the gathering of a great tempest. But he also sees them met with the fearful fury and vengeance of a despised God, who rains upon them “hailstones, fire, and brimstone,” while at the same time He summons all the fowls of heaven and the beasts of the earth to come and gorge themselves upon the flesh of His enemies, the great and mighty of the earth, who have been struck with divine justice. (Ezekiel 38:3-9, 17-22.)

In the vision of Daniel the kingdoms of the earth are represented by a great image, grand and imposing, the materials of which degenerate in character until from the head of gold we descend, through silver, brass, and iron, to the feet made of a mixture of iron and clay. And then, with a suddenness which takes the world unawares, a great stone, thrown by unseen hands with terrible velocity, strikes the colossal image on its feet, and crushes it all to powder, a powder which is driven and scattered by the whirlwinds and tempests of God’s wrath until not a vestige of it remains, while the stone which overthrows the kingdoms of the world becomes a great mountain which fills all the earth.

THE RESISTLESS MIGHT OF AN OFFENDED GOD

Here is foreshadowed the fact that earth’s kingdoms would degenerate, and the character of the race become so sinful that the resistless might of an offended God would at last smite them, and thus bring about their utter extermination, while their destruction would be followed by a better order of things in the