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Jewish prophets and orators. He indicates and acknowledges the source of His knowledge and the secret of His inspiration when He flings out the scholarly challenge: "Search the Scriptures."

A study of the whole field of Hebrew prophecy—its sweep, trend and tendency, indicates that there are to be certain great world movements. These world movements engaged the thought of Jesus and were the subject and theme of the closing moments of His life. He is thinking of world movements when He exclaims: "For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be." How shall we best describe these great world epochs, outlined by the ancient prophets of Israel, and in process of development at the present time?

First, we have hints and suggestions of a period of universal knowledge. "The gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." Commercial facilities for a universal communication and international intercourse seems to be lingering in the minds of the prophet Daniel when he records the prediction: "Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased." This brief paragraph, it seems to us, accurately describes the commercial and intellectual tendencies of the present generation. "Seeing the world" is the science of the modern pleasure seeker and the "globe trotter" is omnipresent in every land. A review of the events of the world's history for the past twenty-four hours is laid on our breakfast table every morning, and knowledge in printed form may be found arranged in attractive pyramids at the