generation shall not pass away, till all these things be fulfilled. Tremendous predictions! But the event was not less tremendous than the prediction. A complication of calamities this, which never has been, and, probably, never will be equalled in the history of mankind. Could human wisdom foresee these extraordinary occurrences? Was there, in the days of our Lord's humiliation, any probability of such an event? not the smallest. Universal peace prevailed.

Numerous preternatural and alarming signs preceded this tremendous catastrophe. In the days of Claudius Cæsar, a few years before the destruction of Jerusalem, there happened, in Judea, a prodigious tempest, most vehement winds and rain, terrible lightning and thunder; accompanied with fearful tremblings and roarings of the earth. Previous to the invasion of Judea, a star, in the form of a sword, hung over the city a whole year. In the dead of the night, at the time of the feast of tabernacles, a light similar to that of the meridian sun, shone, for half an hour, on the temple and places adjacent. The great eastern gate of the temple, which was of solid brass, and of such bulk and weight, that twenty men were scarcely sufficient to shut it, though it was fastened with strong bolts, suddenly opened of its own accord. The priests watching in the temple, at the feast of Pentecost, heard a voice, as of a great multitude, crying, *Let us go hence.* Even before the sun went down, there appeared armies in battle array, and encountering in the air; with weapons glittering, and chariots which seemed to compass the whole country, and invest the great cities; especially Jerusalem. For no less than seven years and a half, a countryman, named Jesus, ran up and down the streets of Jerusalem, especially at the solemn festivals, crying, in the most doleful accents, *wo to Jerusalem! wo to the city! wo to the temple! wo to the people!* And, though cruelly punished, nothing could restrain him from crying; till at last, as he was uttering these words, *wo to myself also,* he was instantly