

clared by the Prophet Isaiah—"The nation and
 "kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish ;
 "yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted†." Or as the same awful truth is more concisely and strikingly conveyed by the prophet Ezekiel —"I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, and
 "it shall be no more.‡" Where the triplication of the threat, indicates the undoubted certainty of the event.

It is a common, though very great mistake to suppose that this procedure was confined to the Jews and Israelites—the descendants of Abraham, whom God had chosen for his peculiar people. You need only look into Your Bible, to be convinced of the grossness of this error. Consult the prophecies recorded in the book of God, which extend to every nation with whom his people were connected for a long series of years ; then turn to the history of those nations, and You will find those prophecies exactly verified. From the history it will appear, that every thing took its natural course in those nations, according to human apprehension ; yet under the direction of a steady providence, the purpose of God was carried on ; the prophecies were accomplished by men who were unconscious that they executed the designs of heaven. The history of the Jews, is, in fact, a history of Providence with respect to them ; and the Prophecies contain histories also of the same Divine Providence

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† Isaiah LX. 12.

‡ Ezek. XXI. 27.