

which I was wounded in the house of my friends." Zechariah. 12:6. Then will they look upon him as the one whom they pierced and be in mourning and repentant lamentation concerning him, as it is written: "And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one is in bitterness for his first born." Zechariah. 12:10. It is of this time that the Apostle John writes.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him: and all kindreds [tribes] of the earth [the land] shall wail because of him." Revelation, 1:7.

This sign of Israel's return is confronting the world and crying aloud to an unheeding church.

There is yet a climacteric sign of the times.

A sign set forth as the witness of the closing hours of the age and as bringing into view the threshold over which the Son of God shall surely come to his own.

That sign is composite—earthquakes in divers places (this is the testimony of the Lord himself), pestilence and famine, the waves of the sea roaring, tidal waves sweeping the land and, from above, the heavens adding their phenomena to the emphasis of terror.

Within the last fifty years earthquakes have been of unusual frequency, increasing at an amazing ratio, till scarce a day passes that the