

what is said, in reference to it, in Revelation xvi. 19 ; xvii. 1-6 ; xviii. 21-24.

As to the haughty power and rebellion of man, read Revelation xvi. 13,14 ; xix. 11-21. Figures these are, no doubt, but figures whose meaning is plain enough. Read also Dan. ii. 34, 35 ; vii. 9-11. (In verse 9, "cast down" should be "placed" or "set.")

Such, then, is the end of the world as it now is. The Christianity which it professes will have increased the severity of its judgment, and moreover judgment will begin there as 1 Peter iv. 17 shows us. They that have known their Master's will, and not done it, will be beaten with many stripes (Luke xii. 47). Can we say that Christendom, as it now subsists, is the least like the heavenly state in which we see the disciples in the New Testament (Acts ii.-iv.)? True, we find there that they soon declined, and that evil came in. But the record that tells us this, tells us it would wax worse and worse, and ripen for the judgment which surely awaits it.

Dear reader, are you the Lord's? If not—*Flee from the wrath to come to Him* "who gave Himself for our sins, that He might *deliver us FROM THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD*, according to the will of God," having "once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might *bring us TO GOD*" (Gal. i. 4 ; 1 Peter iii. 18).