

and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them, and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.' (Compare this with 21st verse of 38th Ezek.) 16th verse. 'And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the king, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall come to pass that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the king, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.' (In this way, will any manifestation of rebellion or disobedience be quickly put down; as no greater calamity can betel a nation than a long continued drought.)

The Lord's people, Judah and Israel, will be his forces in subduing the nations, and breaking in pieces the kingdoms of the world, until they are compelled to cry for peace, and acknowledge the dominion of Israel's King. Even as, on a smaller scale, the Israelites, under Joshua and David, subdued or rendered tributary the nations which dwelt in the promised land. Hear what saith the Lord respecting this: Zech. ix. 13. 'When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man. And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of Hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones. 10th chap. 3rd verse. 'For the Lord of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle. And they shall be as mighty men which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight because the Lord is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.'

Micah vii. 15. 'According to the days' (for the space of forty years) of thy (Israel's) 'coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things. The

nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the Lord our God, and shall fear because of thee. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn away, he will have compassion upon us: he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.' (The nation of Israel, before being finally settled in their land, will again pass through the Red Sea, and in so doing they will all be 'baptized into Christ,' as formerly into Moses, and thus, all their sins will be cast into the depths of the sea. Vide Isa. xi. 10—16, also 'Elpis Israel.' 'Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.'

These, dear reader, are but a sample of the plain words of the Lord—that a child may understand—which shew the judgments that must come: by which the nations are to be punished for their iniquities, especially for their oppression of God's ancient people, and humbled and prepared for the peaceful and glorious times of Messiah. My limits will not admit of my adducing further testimonies; sufficient, however, has surely been brought to your notice to induce you to search farther, and note how invariably judgment is to be followed by mercy and blessing to Israel, and through Israel, to all the nations of the earth. 'Hath God cast away his people, God forbid! through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fulness! blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved, as it is written,' (Isa. lix. 20., read the two following chapters for a description of the glorious future which awaits Israel,) 'There shall come to Zion the deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob,' &c. Rom. xi. chap.

#### THE RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS.

"The Lord shall send Jesus Christ—whom the heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets, since the world began."—Acts iii, 20, 21.

Ezek. xxxvi. O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. For, behold I am

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