

also asked, what is to follow this European conflagration that is touching all nations? The answer to that question which this book gives, the reader already knows. But aside from prophecy, some results are already evident. One is that the spirit of war is destroying itself, and doubtless this will end the age of wars. War, as a science, has reached its ultimate. The allied powers—Britain, France, Belgium, Russia, Serbia, Montenegro, and Japan—will never again be afraid to trust one another; and when the present struggle is over, they will not only be able to dictate the terms of peace, but will also be able to force Europe and Asia to disarm. So some form of International Court will doubtless be created for the settlement of disputes between nations, as our civil courts deal with differences between individuals. One more blessing will naturally follow in the wake of this conflict in which Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, Protestants, Hebrews, and Mohammedans are fighting side by side, and learning that *they are all brothers*, that all worship the same God and look to the same Saviour, and that all are equally true and heroic—the blessing that the narrow creeds and wicked prejudices and hatreds which hitherto have separated them into distinct camps will disappear—so much more rubbish finding its way into the furnace of fire before the new age begins.

The Master closes His narration of the signs of His coming with these significant words—“*But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh.*” (Luke 21:28.) Do you, like many others, feel that this coming change in man's history is too good to be true? Do not hesitate to accept the teachings of Christ and the Apostles. Be assured of this, our dispensation is hastening to its close, and we are to-day walking on the boundary line of a new age. Keep in mind these three signs of the immediate coming of the Lord: “The time of trouble,” which is doubtless now raging; the overthrow of the Turkish Empire, and the restoration of Palestine to the Jews.

ARMAGEDDON, apparently, is to be the closing battle of the war of the nations, and the end of that “time of trouble.”