

and Governors is thus clearly pointed out in the New Testament, some of the most terrible judgments recorded in the Old Testament scriptures were inflicted on the Israelites for sedition and rebellion. With a new and terrible judgment, God visited Korah and his company when "the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and they and all that appertained to them went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the congregation." And on the morrow when all the congregation murmured against Moses and Aaron and were gathered against them, wrath went out from the Lord "to consume them as in a moment;" wrath which could only be appeased by the atoning sacrifice which Aaron was commanded to offer, as a type of the great High Priest, Christ Jesus, who was to come and offer himself, the one great sacrifice for sin. But, before the plague was stayed, and while Aaron stood between the dead and the living, holding the censer of incense, fourteen thousand seven hundred persons died of the plague beside them that died in the matter of Korah. If, under the Christian dispensation, it has not been the ordinary course of Divine Providence to inflict temporal judgments for particular offences in so signal and marked a manner; yet "the Lord will reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment, to be punished," (2 Pet. ii.) and who does the Apostle proceed to tell us shall be the chief criminals, the *ringleaders*, so to 'speak' at the great and solemn day, "*Chiefly, them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, that despise government, presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.* But as natural brute beasts made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not, and shall utterly perish, in their own corruption" Infidelity and sedition, atheism and treason, go hand in hand. In the nature of things it must be so. Men that honour not the King and obey not their Governors, who are divinely ordained, cannot fear Him by whom they were ordained. Because the Bible condemns them