

ing vengeance on the nations of Europe. Long did he restrain his indignation ; but at length he has come out of his place, decked with terrible majesty, *trampling them in his fury, and vexing them in his sore displeasure.* He has raised up a mighty conqueror to execute his wrath upon those wicked nations. Fear and dismay go before him ; misery and desolation follow after him. He will go on and prosper, *till the indignation be accomplished,* when, for his enormous pride and wickedness, *he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.* The dire convulsions, which are shaking the kingdoms, and demolishing those thrones which have long been supported by iniquity and blood, teach us what a people have reason to expect from the hand of the Lord, when they cast off his fear and trample his laws under their feet. Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Prussia,—where are they ? Some of them, indeed, have a name to live ; but they are dead ; and in their dying pangs and struggles, they have left to us and the world a most affecting admonition, not to contend with the Almighty.

Nations, as such, receive the recompence of their sins in temporal judgments ; because, in the eternal world, there will be no national existence—no nations to punish. There, every one must give an account of *himself* to God, and receive an eternal retribution from his hand. In this respect, the situation of nations and individuals is widely different. When a nation is destroyed for its corruption and crimes, it ceases to exist ; but all the individual sinners of that nation, whose iniquities drew down destruction upon the public body, unless brought to