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THE world is yet in the night of ages: the perplexities of nations, of churches, and of individuals; the wars, the fightings, the seas of blood, the crimes, and the demoralization on every side; the insecurity of life and property; the known fact that the law-makers and the executors of the law are, to a large extent, notoriously deep-dyed scoundrels; has begotten the public exclamations: "Whither are we drifting?" "The indications are, that society is in the last stages of corruption."

These, however, are the signs that the ancient prophets announced, that the Son of God declared would precede the inauguration of a new era, glorious in its inception, and perpetual in its duration, which should, from the complete transformation in the government of church and state,

be known as the new heavens and the new earth.

The prophet Isaiah, beholding in vision these scenes, inquires: (a) "Watchman, what of the night?" and the watchman said: "The morning cometh;" will come in connection with the (b) restoration of the kingdom to Israel, promised so many ages ago, and assured by the Son of God to the children of Israel as his (c) elect, when his (d) Gospel should be preached to all nations. It will be shown, in this number of the *Quarterly Review*, that in ancient Canaan, including all the lakes, rivers, and mountains, there is not one acre for each Jew now living, to whom there

(a) Isaiah, c. xxi. 1!

(b) Acts, c. i. 6-7.

(c) Matthew, c. xxiv. 31.

(d) Matthew, c. xxiv. 14.