

5, 6, 7. with Rev. x. 2. 6. in both which places the personage, alluded to and described in the text, is "represented, as setting his right foot on the sea, and his left upon the land, as Sovereign Lord of both elements."*

The prophecy under consideration, which was dictated by "HIM that is true,"† describes events, which were to happen in *the last times*, or "in the time of the end," and must of course remain obscure, till the events predicted shall be about to happen, or be actually passing in view of the then existing generation.

The prophecy in the text is then yet to be fulfilled; or, perhaps to speak more correctly, is fulfilling by the events of the present times. This appears from the prophecies connected with the text. The victories of Mahomet, or the rise and establishment of his dominion, and also the destruction of his power, seem plainly foretold and described in the five last verses of the chapter preceding the text.‡ "And at the time of the end," i.e. of the prosperity of the Roman empire, "the king of the south," meaning Mahomet, "shall push at him: and the king of the north," the Turks from Scythia,§ "shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and with horsemen, and with many ships, and he shall enter into the coun-

* Lowth.

† Rev. iii. 7.

‡ Dan. xi. 40 to the end.

§ Newton.