

rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same."

"It has been supposed, that by the "Isles of the heathen" mentioned in our text, the British Isles are to be understood. That ever they should become the worshippers of Jehovah was more improbable at the time of this prediction, than the conversion of the most degraded portion of the human family is at the present period. These heathen isles, however, have been not only converted to christianity, but have become the glory of the religious world; and thus given as a pledge of the complete fulfilment of every part of this animating prophecy. What a glorious period then, does our text warrant us to expect! to anticipate which, without the most pleasurable feelings, would be an apathy of mind highly reprehensible—a period when the world, purged from its abominations, shall become one vast and holy temple of spiritual worshippers, whose praises hursting from every point, shall roll like thunder through the hallowed place.

In bringing these remarks to a close, permit me to observe, that *the necessity of missionary exertions* is fairly infered from this subject. An attempt has been made to bring before you millions of your fellow beings, whose circumstances are those of a wretchedness which nothing but missionary operations can effectually relieve. Pause then and gaze upon them! and let their tears, and sighs, and blood touch the finest sympathies of

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