

wasting and desolation. It is the day of the Lord's vengeance; the year of recompenses for the controversies of Zion. The earth is utterly broken down; the earth is clean dissolved; the earth is moved exceedingly. For behold, JEHOVAH cometh out of his place, to punish the inhabitants for their iniquity; to punish the hosts of the high ones, which are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. For his indignation is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies. He is visibly pleading against them with pestilence, and with blood, with an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone.

What, in this terrible day, is to become of us? Shall we trust in the multitude of chariots, and of horses? Shall we confide in Egypt? Shall we lean upon Assyria? Or shall we turn to GOD with all the heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning? Shall we not make the eternal GOD our refuge. He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Shall we not say of JEHOVAH, "He is our refuge, and our fortress; our GOD; in him will we trust?" Surely he will deliver us from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. Then may we say to our land, "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation."