

not believe that the scriptures giving those signs were to be literally fulfilled, so it is now with the masses of this generation : they reject all the present signs upon the same principle. Many would gladly embrace the sealing message as now proclaimed, were it not for the fact that but few of the higher classes receive it. It is proclaimed and believed by the lower classes exactly as it was in the type. God has given a perfect picture, and the reality answers to it in every particular thus far ; therefore we may expect great realities will answer to the unfulfilled future. While these wonderful fulfillments have been progressing in the sealing or ecclesiastical department the four angels or the great powers of Europe have labored and still do to suppress and control the war element which has been continually increasing so as to prevent a general outbreak. They have strained every nerve and used every available means to prevent another general European war, but it is apparent to every intelligent observer that their resources are nearly exhausted. They have been all conscious for years that there are questions to settle, and principles to control, which will eventually rise above their power to subdue, and is sure to break forth with furious results, and a terrible war among the ten Roman kingdoms. They are showing their anticipations for a coming war. All enlightened statesmen feel that a great crisis in the political world has come or is immediately to appear. The world is convulsed with excitement, and humanity swings like the pendulum of a clock, to