

"5th. Encouragement shall be given to the Roman Youth to arm and drive out the barbarians from Italy."

There have been military revulsions there, but the final issue of the contest, time alone will reveal.

This period forms a remarkable era in the history of the church and of the world. The Prophecies of Revelation are being remarkably fulfilled, and in every part of the earth the race of man groans and travails amidst the wreck of his moral being, yet is borne along swifly to the age of his emancipation—the glorious period when the millenium morning shall usher in the day of rest—the day of the Lord—the holy and peaceful Sabbath of the World. Fleming, the celebrated writer on Prophecy whose language we have elsewhere quoted as to the scenes of 1848—remarks that A. D. 2000 will close the prophetic history up to the dawn of the millenium. That is, the six days of 6000 years from the creation of the world will then be complete—the Seventh being the Sabbath of the Millenium. We are now in the 5833rd year of the world, so that in 147 years, according to Fleming's computation, or earlier, the Millenium may appear.

In view of these things, with how much earnestness should we cast away all human standards of faith—every religious system which will not bear to be tried by the Bible.—with how much simplicity of mind should every christian consult the Divine Testimony; with how much earnestness should every one pray to be directed by the light of the Divine Spirit in order that they may wisely in their day and generation fill up the place which God has assigned them in the world, and that they may cooperate heartily in every plan which God is employing for the emancipation of the human soul. Among the duties specially devolving upon the christian, stands out, in bold relief, the solemn duty of labouring to release the religion of Jesus Christ from the corrupting and ruinous influences of all STATE CONNECTION. The fall of "Babylon the Great City" is determined and sure; and the fall of "the Cities of the Nations"—all STATE CHURCHES—is to precede its doom.—When this is accomplished, then,—and not till then—shall Zion, or the Church, appear—"clear as the Sun, fair as the Moon, and terrible as an army with banners."

In seconding the good purposes of God, the friends of truth and holiness and peace, may often be stigmatized as men who are "mad." Be it so. He who spake as never man spake was thus vilified; and the noblest spirit that ever laboured in the service of the Redeemer—the Apostle Paul—was also thus vilified when before Kings and multitudes he preached Christ and the Resurrection. The christian philanthropist looks not for the friendship of the world.—"Woe be unto you when all men shall speak well of you"—was given him as an index to the reception he must anticipate for his services from the weak friends or strong enemies of freedom. But he is warranted to look for friendship and co-operation from "the children of light"—from christian men. With a high aim, therefore—with a strong regard for Truth—with ardent aspirations for the emancipation of the human mind—and with a full consciousness of the imperfections which attach to every human effort, however upright and sincere—and with hope in "the good time coming"—I launch my little bark for 1849, upon the ocean of public opinion.

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