

in the Book." Notice, Daniel says "at that time," not *after* it. It is during that "time of trouble" that the Hebrews are to be restored to the possession of Palestine. Is not this war of the nations the most dreadful that earth has ever known? What justification was there for it? None whatever. What brought it about? In Rev. 16:13-16, the true cause is given: "And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs; for they are spirits of demons working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty." "And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew Armageddon" (v. 16). I will not assume to name those unholy human passions, symbolized by the three *unclean spirits*, but lust of power, envy, and hatred, have been freely assigned as the root-causes of this tragedy. It is certain that nothing less than the Satanic, the very spirit of demons, precipitated this conflict, when nearly all the nations were cultivating peace sentiments. Notwithstanding these vile passions may be the natural and immediate cause of this great conflagration, it is unquestionably the most outstanding feature of God's "controversy with Christendom." It has not yet reached its climax, for when the huge armies from the West and from the East force their way into Central Europe, in the final struggle with the common enemy between them, the slaughter cannot fail to be indescribably appalling. Other nations yet will doubtless be drawn into the conflict; and possibly, too, other disturbances and upheavals will tear other lands, for such the prophetic picture seems to require. May not the atheistical Anarchist, who despises God as much as he hates capitalists, and rulers, and law, be now impelled to attempt the execution of his avowed purposes in a manner that will shake the great cities of this continent, thereby widening the area of the great conflagration? These troubles are not judgments sent by Heaven, neither are they the birthpangs of a new age, as many have been inferring, but rather the breaking down of the false sys-