

were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." (Rev. xviii: 23.) Has this great Babylon already begun to fall? "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." (Rev. xviii: 3.) "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth her merchandise any more: the merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, iron, and marble, and cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men." (Rev. xviii: 11-13.) Look at the immense dealings of our own country in useless precious stones, pearls, ivory, fine linen, and cotton, purple, and scarlet, and silks, and costly wood in furniture, and marble in buildings and monuments, alcoholic drinks, and many other hurtful luxuries; and the speculations in fine flour, wheat, beasts, pork, sheep, horses and carriages, and even multitudes of slaves and souls of men. "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues; for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." (Rev. xviii: 4, 5.) "Owe no man any thing, but love one another." (Rom. xiii: 8.)

Obedience to these short and plain precepts from the Fountain of all wisdom and knowledge, might have saved me and our country and all the commercial world, from all the lately experienced evils through our disobedience. Let us all, henceforth, "obey God and honor the King" his Son, the "King of Kings."

THE FIRST PROPOSITION STILL IMPORTANT, AND SUBMITTED.

Are not our own hearts, (before cleansed by the power of God,) and all parts of our country, full of the elements of war? But when, how, and by what means, all these elements and deep rooted sins, shall be forever eradicated from the human heart, and wars and fighting from the policy of human governments, are questions of infinite

tocracy, and deceiving bankers, traders, and artificers:—a government that will be still more regardless of the true interests and best good of all the people.

When the people are reduced to ignorance, poverty and great want, and are greatly oppressed by fraudulent bankers, and merchants, and fashion makers, and speculators, in the north and west; and by similar operations, and by task masters, and the slave whip in the south and west; is there no danger of their rising—(though they, or their fathers, may have suffered themselves to be deceived, or may have deceived themselves, and become the ignorant and willing dupes of their oppressors)—and making an effort to throw off their oppressor's yokes, though they perish in the attempt!

In those things the *Elements of War* may be seen to be rapidly accumulating; and ere long they may be felt like raging whirlwinds and violent tornadoes in various parts of our country, drenching the earth with torrents of human blood.

Is it not better to repent and turn from covetousness, fraud, deception, oppression, idolatry, &c.: from every error and false way; making a general and thorough reform before it be too late?

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