

only to our own prosperitie and happines as a free and protestant nation, but to our protestant allies, to the general interests of Europe and America; by no means excluding the now savage inhabitants of the territories that we have subdued. But this naturally leads us to a

Second reflection, which seems so obviously to arise out of the presaging and prophetic language of the psalmist in our text. and that is, that there are certain periods, certain coincidences, and concurring circumstances in the affairs and situation of public communities, from which the most pleasing expectations may with reason be formed, as to their advancing prosperitie and success. “Thou shalt arise and have  
 “mercie upon Zion, for the time to favour her, yea, the set time is come”. It is not improbable indeed, that, according to the general sense of expositors upon this psalm, written, as is supposed, during the time, and towards the close, of the babylonish captivitie, there may be in this part of our text an especial reference to those prophecies, in which the happy  
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