

everywhere there is unrest and gloomy forebodings, wars, revolutions, and sorrows seem imminent.

III. *The conversion and restoration of the Jews to their own land.* Their conversion is generally admitted; Rom. xi clearly teaches it. Their restoration is largely denied; but Ezekiel's prophecy confessedly relates to New Testament times is still unfulfilled, and ch. xxxvii 22, can hardly be explained otherwise than as it literally reads. That it is not to have a spiritual fulfillment alone, but a literal one also, is indicated by three manifest signs: 1st. The increased interest of leading Jews in the land of their fathers. 2d. The Turkish Government has given to the Rothschilds a mortgage on the whole of Palestine for money which would be given to it on no other terms, and which it can never pay. A foreclosure will soon vest the title in that princely Jewish family. 3rd. The Egyptian persecutions which forced the first Exodus into Canaan are being re-enacted in all the places where the large bodies of this scattered people are to be found, viz., in Germany, Russia, and the parts of European Turkey which have lately gained their independence.

IV. *Prevalent moral and spiritual declension.* Matt. xxiv 10-12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." 2 Tim. iii 1-6, "In the last days perilous times shall come; for men shall be lovers of their own selves, . . . lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." A leading secular journal editorially says of the situation in Russia: "The priests are aloof from all classes, and instead of being a spiritual support of any, are the agents of greed, ignorance, and oppression. No man trusts his brother—the whole air is electric with secrecy, suspicion, and treachery." How applicable is this to the state of almost all Christendom, the frequent utterances of the Press and the Pulpit, and the language of Christendom generally will testify.

V. *Prophetic numbers* indicate that the time of the end is near at hand. The Prophet Daniel gave numbers in reference to the year of the birth and the year of the death of the Messiah, which are everywhere interpreted on "the year-day theory," and accepted as historically true and exactly verified in Jesus Christ. In the same connection Daniel gave other numbers relating to the sorrows of Israel and the destruction of the great world-powers marshalled against the Messiah. It is fair to assume that these are to be interpreted in the same way, and that they will be as exactly fulfilled. In Dan. vii, 25 having described the fourth beast, its ten horns, and another horn that shall "speak great words against the most High," the limit of his power is declared to be "a time and times and the dividing of time," three and a half years, or 1,278 days, which are prophetically as many years. To this exactly answers John's period, Rev. xii 14, in which "to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness," which is the same beastly power fully described in Revelation, chaps. xiii and xvii. As this is the Roman power which arose about A. D. 606 in a great Church-State form, a dragonic despotism, a synagogue of Satan, the anti-Christian complex system, its end will be in A. D. 606 + 1278, or in 1884. Another number is given in Dan. viii 14. It relates to the he goat with one notable horn—the Grecian power which was exalted in Alex-