

THE PLACE AND RESULT OF THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON.

Text,—Revelation 17th Chap., 14th verse :—"These shall make war with the Lamb and the Lamb shall overcome them ; for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings ; and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

THE parties referred to in the words : "These shall make war with the Lamb," are the dragon, the beast, and the false prophets. Last Sunday evening I tried to show you who, in a national sense, are meant by the dragon, the beast and the false prophets, and also those who are named the called, the chosen, and the faithful. The Prophet sometimes assigns to the two great war parties an invisible leader and head. The called, the chosen, and the faithful are said to be under the Lamb—that is our Blessed Saviour. The dragon, the beast and the false prophets are said to be under the Devil, or Satan, as you read in Rev. 20th chap. and 10th verse, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophets are." And in Ezekiel the parties led by the Devil are said to number thirteen ; and those under the Lamb are said to number four : but I closed my sermon last Sunday evening saying, a fifth party would join with the four ; that party will be none other than "nature" in angry mood, fighting once more on the Lord's side ; yes, on the side of Israel ; for mind you the whole world will be against Israel at that time ; and we learn from the Prophets, that we will be sorely pressed, and that man for man, and human agency against human agency only, the probabilities are that we would lose the day. But God comes to our rescue and helps the four against the thirteen.

In olden times God often used forces of nature to accomplish His purpose ; He oftentimes helped Israel, as in Egypt, in the wilderness, and in Canaan, by storms, afflictions and other means.