

worse than our neighbours;" or some such notion. Such was Jericho. All, indeed, looked fair and prosperous; the well-watered plain was green and fertile as ever; the river Jordan, overflowing its banks, made the meadows most productive; the men of the city were active; what they turned their hands to seemed to prosper; and their city was so strongly built, and so ably defended, that it could defy any army of the enemy, and no human power could prevail against it. And yet the sentence had been passed by God upon Jericho. It hung over the city, notwithstanding its seeming prosperity. God saw that their iniquity was full, and their judgment slumbered not.

Now look around you on the world. It has been, as Jericho was, sentenced by God to destruction. Jesus, before His crucifixion, said, "Now is the judgment of this world." True, there are no outward signs

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