

"enter into the countries and overflow and pass over." It is almost necessary that the original Roman empire become subject to one power, in order that the image of Nebuchadnezzar may be re-constructed; and though we have not an exact description of their subjugation by Russia, further than being informed that he would overflow and pass over, we find that Ezekiel, who gives a most minute and graphic account of the great battle of Armageddon, styles him Gog, the land of Magog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and enumerates Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, and the bands of Gomer, in those that follow him. Now, it can be satisfactorily proved that Magog and Gomer mean Germany and France. These countries he must therefore conquer; and having conquered them, the whole of continental Europe is within his grasp. The metallic image will thus be joined in all its parts, the territory comprehended in the Babylonian, Persian, Grecian, and Roman Empires, will be ruled by one man, and that man an autocrat, or one who ruleth by his own will. Events will now hurry forward to the mighty catastrophe. The heart of the emperor will be lifted up by success, and in his pride and arrogance he will endeavour to make the world his slave. But at last the aerial stone descends suddenly on his feet; the iron and the clay separate; the brass, the silver, and the gold are broken to pieces, become as chaff in the summer threshing floor, and the whole is scattered to the winds of heaven.

But what, it will be eagerly asked, is Britain about all this time? Surely she must have an important part to play in this direful game of war. No such thing—so far as we have yet gone, Britain is exempted from the affray, though her proximity to the scene of the unequalled struggle will keep her in a continual state of alarm, and her rulers anxious and watchful. But yet, though beyond the eddies of the whirling vortex, she is not, can not, will not be idle. She has a mission to fulfil, and she must feel straitened till it is accomplished—a mission