

civilizing influences, and the realization of the universal brotherhood of man promises the blessings of peace and love— Ah! God says, “My thoughts are not as your thoughts, nor my ways as your ways.” There can be no moral improvement of that which is under condemnation, and no brotherhood between Christ and Belial.

The end of the age is rapidly approaching; the last cry has been heard, “Behold the Bridegroom”; everywhere the unwise are seen to have lamps without oil—there is no unction of the Spirit—the most awful and damnable heresies are abroad; the tares are being rapidly gathered together in bundles to be burned; the state of the professing church is admittedly very bad; many evil ones have crept in unawares; until, in a word, the present moral, social, and religious condition is exactly that which the word of God tells us we may expect to find in the last days. The actors of the great final drama are rapidly taking their places on the scene. Nations recently come up, but foretold by name two thousand five hundred years ago, are right before us. Combinations of the most unexpected character have led in a marvellous way to the developement of God’s purposes, until now without any question or doubt the end of the age is upon us, and we are on the eve of the very events which scripture is so full of.

Oh! reader where are you?

When the awful judgments overtake this wicked world, shall you be calling on rocks and mountains to fall on you and hide you from Him that sitteth on the throne?