

he was turned back by the way by which he came, leaving 85,000 of his army dead behind him? How many signal deliverances, in answer to prayer, as recorded by Josephus, were wrought for the Jews in the time of the Maccabees, out of the hands of the kings of Syria, who came against them with overwhelming numbers and in exterminating wrath. We have not forgotten as Britains the signal deliverance wrought for Protestant England, in the days of Queen Elizabeth, from the danger of disastrous invasion by what was called the "Invincible (Popish) Armada," in answer to an anxious nation's earnest prayers. A force consisting of 150 ships, most of which were of a remarkable size, carrying 2,850 guns, and having on board 20,000 troops, and 8,000 sailors, beside 2,000 volunteers of the most distinguished families—a force which was to have been augmented by 34,000 men, assembled in the neighbourhood of Dunkirk: while the English Navy at that time consisted of only 30 ships of war. But the loss of the Spanish Admiral, a violent tempest the day after they sailed,—contrary winds,—the adroit and successful attack of the British Admiral, and, finally, another serious storm, off the Orkneys, whither they had been driven by adverse winds, not only prevented their landing, but so discomfited and scattered them, that only a miserable remnant returned to Spain. With what propriety, therefore, did Elizabeth cause a medal to be struck, representing their disasters, with the inscription:—"Thou didst blow upon them, and the sea covered them."