

or period approached the nearest to their millennial condition, and endowments, and blessings ; but upon a much smaller scale than the amplitude of the prospect yet held out as the full accomplishment of the future grandeur, power, and magnificence of the holy city, New Jerusalem, when Christ shall come the second time, in power and great glory, with all His holy angels, and ten thousand of His saints ; “ And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him : ” Dan. vii. 27. The permanency of the church, or kingdom, under the whole heaven, depends on the veracity of the oath of God, for “ The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David ; He will not turn from it ; of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore. For the Lord hath chosen Zion ; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever : here will I dwell ; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision : I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation : and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There will I make the horn of David to bud : I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. His enemies will I clothe with shame : but upon himself shall his crown flourish : ” Psalm cxxxii. 11-18.

