

will interfere in behalf of the saints, and will consume their opponents by his judgments. Thus perished Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and their company; and thus God's displeasure has often since that time been exercised on wicked combinations formed to disturb the peace and prosperity of the church. The devil, the author of this apostacy, will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.

III. *The little season, or the duration of this contest.*

It has been regarded by some as a matter of supreme surprise, that Satan during this "little season" could effect such a great rebellion against God. They do not see where there is any space of time for bringing about such great purposes; for, if Satan is to be bound 1000 years, and at the close of the millennium, the final catastrophe is to terminate, there is absolutely, they think, no space left for carrying out this delusion. To meet this difficulty, it is computed by some that the world will want *seven years* of being *seven thousand years old*, and that this will be the little space left to Satan to exercise his ensnaring art—a kind of interlude after the millennium itself. This might be feasible if we could place a well grounded reliance on our chronology. A better solution, I think, than this will be to refer back to the remarks made in the last discourse. There we observed the probability of Satan's bondage, immediately after the destruction of the beast, and the false prophet, or forty-five years before the millennium actually begins. And if this actually were to be the case, then he must be