

George Washington the *father* of his country, whereas God, by St. John, calls him the *destroyer* thereof. If his talents and energies had been devoted to maintaining monarchical principles of government in his country, either as an independent monarchy, or as colonies, the same as the now British Provinces, to eventually come under the sovereignty of the Stone of Israel, his country would not have been a smoking furnace and a bottomless pit at this day, in which every descriptor of wickedness that has cursed our earth, from Adam down, now prevails.

#### THE SECOND WOE.

With the establishing of the Republic the first woe ended and the next event to indicate the *last days* was the loosing the four angels, that is powers, bound in the great river Euphrates. That river, as fully shown in the seventh number of this *Review*, page 435, is the Mississippi with its seven streams or outlets as described by Isaiah (ch. 11, 15,) and by St. John (Rev. 16, 12.) that should be dried up that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. That is the states, or kingdoms, as the prophets call them, should obtain all the territory on both sides of that river, so that they could extend their kingdoms to the Pacific.

Those prophecies were fulfilled, as France, the first power or angel, sold its territory of 903,928 square miles to them in 1803; by the purchase from Spain, the second angel, of 59,268 square miles in 1821: and of Britain, the third angel, of 280,000 square miles by treaty in 1846, which embraced that portion now called Oregon and the northeast part of the State of Maine, which latter portion in particular Daniel Webster, by withholding the original true map of the boundary, cheated Britain out of in the negotiations. From Mexico, the fourth angel, through the annexation of Texas in 1846, 237,504 square miles, and in 1847, from Mexico by conquest, those portions called California, New Mexico and Utah, covering 649,762 square miles, also further by the purchase of Arizona 27,500 square miles, which, with the 815,615 square miles secured of Britain at the time of their independence, gives about 3,000,000 square miles of possession, 1,700,000 by force of arms and 1,300,000 by purchase, and thus the way of the kings of the east was prepared.

After the loosing of the four angels St. John gives a description of the war and bloodshed in which the United States have been immersed during the past four years under the designation of an hour, a day, a month and a year, which commenc-

ed with the capture of New Orleans, April 28th 1862, as shown page 426 of this *Review*, and will end with the overthrow of their nationality in 1866. In giving a description of the vast armies engaged St. John (Rev. 9, 16-21,) describes the improved engines and facilities for warfare, of gunpowder as brimstone issuing out of their firearms, and of locomotives as horses with lions heads fed with fire, and the cars trailing behind as the tails of serpents filled with men and munitions of war to sting and to slay, by which one third part of the men engaged were killed. But that those not killed repented not of the works of their hands that they should not worship devils and idols of gold and silver, and brass and stone, and of wood. Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. Also see Joel, ch. 3.

That precise description by St. John of the existing condition of society in the United States at this day is perfect in every particular. They do not repent by reason of the punishments that God has visited upon them, but glory in all their evil deeds; yea, they uphold their evil deeds to be virtues and the vastness of their wickedness as the evidence of the truthfulness, perfection and efficiency of their false principles of government.

St. John. (Rev. 16, 13,) further describes the threefold source of all their wickedness, under the type of three unclean spirits. The first emanating from the *dragon*, that is, *republicanism* or false principles of government in church and state, a bottomless pit of themselves. The second from the *beast* or Roman Catholic church, because the Pope or head and the priests thereof not only profess to forgive sins against God and man, but to be authorised by God to sell for money *Indulgences* to commit sins against God and man, they are therefore messengers of the bottomless pit.

The third unclean spirits is out of the mouth of the *false prophets* and includes all those who teach the infidel doctrines of free governments, free trade and free thinking, and say that there is no God, or that God has ceased to take note of or to control the nations of the earth.

The first two, as classes, admit that there is a God who has enacted true laws, yet they utterly ignore them; the last spirit denies the government and very existence of the God of all truth, and thus present to view the bottomless pit in all its unfathomable proportions.

A prominent daily paper in New York City lately stated that Sodom and Gomorrah were ages behind that city in many descriptions of wickedness, thus fully