

“Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so—Amen.”

BEHOLD! He cometh. He who “was despised and rejected of men.” He who is now crowned with glory at God’s right hand!

He comes “in His glory, with all the holy angels” “and ten thousands of His saints.” He comes to take “vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Then “shall all the tribes of the earth see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven.”

“All kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.” Then shall the wicked “be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power, when He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe.”

Alas, poor world! well may you run “into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth.”

Then “every eye shall see Him,”—young, old, high, low, rich, poor,—the king, the slave, the servant and the master—“every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him.” “As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, *until the day* that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot—they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but *the same day* that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even *thus shall it be* in the day when the son of man is revealed.”

“And all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.” One cry shall be heard from men of every tribe and colour under heaven—from Jew, Greek, bond and free. The coming of Him whom they had rejected will fill

all with unutterable anguish and despair; all their scenes of mirth and madness will for ever have ended, giving place, in a moment, to one wild expression of dismay, when the blaze of the glory of Jesus the Son of God, shall burst through the opening heavens. "Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt; and they shall be afraid; pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them: they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames." And all this when men are saying "peace and safety," and when the scoffer is saying with derision "where is the promise of His coming?" "But sudden destruction shall come upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape."

Now, dear reader, would you escape the indignation of the day of the Lord, believe the record which God, in His word, hath given of His Son. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." "Be it known unto you that through this man (Christ Jesus) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him all that believe are justified from all things." He alone is the sinner's refuge: why then seek to hide yourself any where but in Him? "This is the ministry of reconciliation, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." Believe then, at once, this record, which God, in His grace, has given,—"Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved." "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused Him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven: whose voice then shook the earth; but now He hath promised, saying, yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." "Surely I come quickly."