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## WAKE WITH NATURE.

Would you know a pure delight?  
Would you feast the sense of sight?  
Would you breathe fresh, balmy air?  
Would you gushing music hear?  
Would you feel a thrill of life,  
Full of peace, with rapture rife?  
Rouse you with the rising day,  
View calm nature's grand display.

Would you like to gain an hour?  
Would you rob sloth of its power?  
Would you cheerfulness obtain?  
Would you cheat toil of its pain?  
Would you duty make a pleasure?  
And insure a good hour's leisure?  
Rouse you at the break of day,  
Wake with morning's twilight ray.

Would you free yourself from care?  
Would you find a time for prayer?  
Would you take your cross each day?  
Would you walk in "wisdom's way"?  
Would you feel God's grace within?  
Helping you to conquer sin?  
Rise, and at the dawn of day,  
Take an hour, read, sing, and pray.

## The Coming Struggle among the Nations of the Earth.

Or, the Political Events of the next Fifteen Years, Described in accordance with the Prophecies of Ezekiel, Daniel, and the Apocalypse.

(CONTINUED.)

### I. The Seizure of Constantinople and Overthrow of Turkey by the Emperor of Russia.

In following Daniel's version of the prophecy, which is more detailed than John's, we find that the unfilled part begins the middle of the 40th verse of the 11th chapter. That verse opens with the declaration, that the king of the south, or Mehemet Ali, would "push" at the Sultan. This was accomplished in 1839, when that Monarch wrested Egypt and Syria from him, and endeavored to seize Constantinople itself, and probably would have done so, had not the other powers prevented him, or rather had not God determined that he should only push, not overthrow. The next part of the verse is, however, fraught with dire calamity to this, the representative of the dragon. "The king of the north," or Russia, it is stated, "shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships, and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overthrow and pass over."

### II. War between France and Austria.—Overthrow of the latter, and consequent Destruction of the Papacy.

Leaving for a time the sixth vial to run its course on the Turkish empire, we must follow the seventh in its operations on the horns. After the angel had poured it into the air, where it caused a world of dire commotions, the apostle was carried away into the wilderness to see the judgements these would cause to fall on the beast and his image—in other words, on Austria and Rome. For let it be observed, that Austria, as well as Turkey and Rome, is doomed to perdition before the ten toes of the image are smitten with the stone. As Turkey had yielded to the Papacy its secular and ecclesiastical power, so Austria has supported this twofold authority more than any other of the powers, and therefore shall suffer a more signal punishment. Indeed, we find this kingdom, which is in the prophecy styled the two-horned beast, identified with, and assimilated to, the Papacy in all its more damnable features. The history of its rise and progress is given in the last eight verses of the 13th chapter of Revelation, as well as in the seventh of Daniel, where its fate is particular-

ly described. "They (the saints) shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it unto the end." In that dark history of cruelties and crimes perpetrated by the horns against the saints, or friends of liberty, Austria occupies an unenviably prominent distinction. The blood of the two witnesses lies heavily on that country, and has long cried for vengeance from on high. Nor has it cried in vain. When these witnesses were raised, and appeared in the person of Napoleon, the iron hand of a stern retribution was laid upon Austria, and his dominion was for a time taken away. The judgment was temporarily suspended by the removal of the ambitious Corsican; but though vengeance has been delayed, it cannot be much longer averted. His dominion was at that time only temporarily taken away, but now it must be "consumed and destroyed unto the end." And this will doubtless be accomplished by the same power that punished him before. France, though herself one of the doomed kingdoms, will be the scourge and destroyer of the two-horned beast; and preparation is being rapidly made for the accomplishment of the work. Already are the two powers placed in hostile relations, and a speedy war must ensue. The result of this will be the final overthrow of the "bloody house of Austria," and the annexation of its territory to France. Then comes the fall of Babylon. Austria, her supporter, and now only real prop, having been destroyed, she must of necessity perish. The time will then have come when the ten horns "shall hate her, and make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire." The account of her overthrow is contained in the eighteenth of Revelation, and is of the most fearful and awe-inspiring nature. It is not for us to describe in detail the events which will produce and accompany her death. These are not indicated fully in the prophecy; we are only told that the powers of Europe will be the agents, and that even they themselves will be filled with fear, and wonder when they behold her desolation.

### III. The Conquest of the Horns or Continental Powers by the Emperor of Russia.

By the time the above occurrences have taken place, the fifteen years will have nearly expired. The whole ten horns will be shattered and weakened by the war, and in this condition will form an easy conquest to a foreign power. This power is Russia, who, having settled himself in Turkey, will "enter into the countries, and overflow and pass over." It is almost necessary that the original Roman empire become subject to one power, in order that the image of Nebuchadnezzar may be reconstructed; and though we have not an exact description of their subjugation by Russia, further than being informed that he would overflow and pass over, we find that Ezekiel, who gives a most minute and graphic account of the great battle of Armageddon, styles him Gog, the land of Magog, chief prince of Mesh-ech and Tubal, and enumerates Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, and the bands of Gomer in those that follow him. Now, it can be satisfactorily proved that Magog and Gomer mean Germany and France. These countries he must therefore conquer; and having conquered them, the whole of continental Europe is within his grasp. The metallic image will thus be joined in all its parts; the territory comprehended in the Babylonian, Persian, Grecian, and Roman empires will be ruled by one man, and that man an autocrat, or one who ruleth by his own will. Events will now hurry forward to the mighty catastrophe. The heart of the emperor will be lifted up by success, and in his pride and arrogance he will endeavor to make the world his slave. But at last the aerial stone descends suddenly on his feet; the iron and the clay separate; the brass, the silver, and the gold are broken to pieces, become as chaff in the summer thresh-

ing floor, and the whole is scattered to the winds of heaven.

But what, it will be eagerly asked, is Britain about all this time? Surely she must have an important part to play in this direful game of war. No such thing—so far as we have yet gone Britain is exempted from the affray, though her proximity to the scene of the unequalled struggle will keep her in a continual state of alarm, and her rulers anxious and watchful. But yet, though beyond the eddies of the whirling vortex, she must not, CANNOT, WILL NOT BE IDLE. She has a mission to fulfil, and she must feel straitened till it is accomplished—a mission of the strongest necessity, and she cannot evade it—a mission of the noblest nature, and she will not shun it. To her—to the whole Anglo-Saxon race, of which she is the head and representative—is the task assigned of carrying forward the religious, moral, and social progress of the world, and in this she must be well assisted by her children in the west and south. AMERICA is to be united with her in the noble work, and AUSTRALIA must grow in strength for the same purpose; and thus supported on each side by a strong and stalwart son, the brave old empire will feel equal to the task. Talk of America and Britain going to war! the thing is impossible; nature forbids it, and the Bible forbids it too. When they do fight it will be on one side, and against a common foe; but they have a far different battle to fight and win, in these coming years, than the sword or cannon can accomplish. The great moral contest of spiritual freedom and social morality must be sustained, and the cause must unite them and us in an eternal bond of brotherhood. A people must be prepared for the Lord, that his kingdom may be populated when it is established, and Britain with her sons is called on to rear, cherish, and protect them. But to be more definite; the next event, though not in chronological order, will be—

### IV. BRITAIN rapidly extends her Eastern Possessions, prevents the Occupation of Judea, and completes the first Stage of the Restoration of the Jews.

The many and severe wars which our country has had to sustain, in order to preserve her Eastern territories, have by many been considered as too dear payment for their possession. We do not, here, however, enter on this question, but beg to inform such that a far higher purpose than commercial interest or extended empire is to be served by the presence of the British power in the East. So far, indeed, as she herself is concerned, this may have been the real aim; and now that she is in possession, the physical advantages which accrue from them will be a sufficient incitement to their retention. To preserve the East India market, and keep a path open to it, Britain will strive much and do much; but while her rulers may think they are merely serving the nation, they are really accomplishing one of the grand designs of God; and evolving events, while they cause her to take measures for the preservation of this distant part of her empire, will really and only produce occurrences which will facilitate the great design of JEHOVAH.

Both God and Britain had a special design in the annexation of the Indian territory to the lion power; but these designs were as different in nature and object as the finite is from the infinite. While BRITAIN thought only of wealth and conquest, God thought of his ancient people, and of his covenant, and placed the British lion in the East to prepare a way for his ransomed, and to become their protection in the infancy of their restoration. Such is God's design, and he has enlisted the energy of the Anglo-Saxons in its accomplishment, by making it their interest to bring it to pass. The value of these lands to the nation is the inducement he has given it to retain them at

all risks; and one means of their retention, which will by and by become very obvious, will be to do that which will tend immediately to the accomplishment of JEHOVAH'S long-promised purpose—the restoration of the Jews. The idea has long been held, by those few who do believe in a restoration, that it must be preceded by a conversion. This is erroneous. The Jews will return to their own land in as great ignorance regarding Christ as when they left it. They will be converted—of this we are assured; but it will be subsequent to their re-establishment in Palestine, and by the immediate operation of the divine Being. In the many passages of Scripture which speak of this people acknowledging the Messiah, we can never identify the agency to be employed in bringing about the change as human. The Lord invariably speaks of it as his own work, and to be done, as only Divinity can do it, all at once. The veil is to be taken away, the blindness is to be removed, and this after they are brought back to the hill of Zion. "Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. THEN ye shall know that I am the Lord."—(Eze. xxxvii. 12.)

It is needless, therefore, to look for the conversion of Israel as an indication of the coming of the latter days. It is their restoration that becomes an evidence of this; and we can imagine with what surprise the conversion theorists witness the approaching colonization of the land of Israel by its former inhabitants. But how, is it asked, will they be restored? and how does Britain become the agent? In this very simple manner: When Britain sees the Emperor of Russia in possession of Turkey, and preparing to conquer continental Europe, she will become alarmed for her darling Indian possessions, and strengthen her position in the Mediterranean Sea, to prevent the autocrat dominating there.

Having succeeded in dethroning the Sultan, and annexing the Turkish dominions to his sway, he will naturally endeavor to take possession of Palestine, as that country forms part of the Ottoman empire. This, however, Britain cannot permit. To let him occupy this territory, would be a virtual relinquishment of the Eastern market, because the road to it by the Red Sea would be shut up. What course Britain will actually adopt to prevent this we cannot learn from the prophecy, but that she will prevent it we are sure. Not only will her own interest demand it, but the word of JEHOVAH is concerned in the matter, and demands it too. These political and commercial interests are but the means employed by God to cause this great nation to perform his long-expressed determination to preserve the Holy Land for the elected, eldest born of his children. Were the Russian emperor allowed to take possession of it, he would carry the land tenure of the north along with him, and thus the soil of the land of Canaan would become part and parcel of another nation, its peculiar character as an inalienable possession would be gone, and being "common," it could no longer be called sacred or "holy." But this cannot be. JEHOVAH hath said, "The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is mine." It is, therefore, impossible that it can be occupied by a power that would at once incorporate it with other territories. The attempt has already been made to do this, but, as was to be expected, it signally failed. Shortly after Mehemet Ali established himself as "king of the south," he attacked and conquered Syria, and, as we before stated, "pushed at" the Sultan's throne. The powers of Europe, however, interfered to prevent him from gaining his point, and in negotiating terms of peace between the two countries, ordered Mehemet to restore Palestine to Turkey. (To be concluded in our next.)