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a proof of the supposed supremacy of the Great False  
Christ, some of all nations shall be indulged with an  
ocular demonstration of the reality of the ground of  
their joy—the death of the two prophets. They  
had signalized themselves greatly in life: and we  
know how great is the hurry and crowding to see  
anyone that has made himself famous. But their  
death is a subject of rejoicing. They are regarded as  
enemies of mankind, the great obstacle in the way  
of kings and nations casting off the enforced and  
hated worship of Jehovah and His ‘Christ. They had  
long defied the powers of man to put them to death.  
“Can it really be a fact, that they are slain?” Was it  
not ‘“‘too good news to be true?” But truth fears no  
defeat. The reality of their death is so evident, that  
the corpses are exposed to the insatiate gaze of the  
warriors of the whole earth. ‘Yes! those are the  
features of the men that brought plague after plague  
on mankind. Those the lips whence came forth the  
bursts of fire that consumed every adversary! How  
chill and white they are now!” It would seem, then,  
from the mode of expression, as though certain persons  
of every nation were deputed to enter the city, and  
permitted to behold these slain witnesses, that they  
may testify the truth of the great fact, either to their  
own camp, or to their nation. The word! denotes not  
merely the nations seeing them, but their directing  
their eyes to this great sight, and gazing upon them.  
The time of the triumph of death over the Witnesses,  
and of their enemies’ survey of their humiliation, is but  
“three days and a half.”” How should they be exposed  
three years anda half? The reference to Jesus’ case is  
express. He predicted “days” as the time of His  
sojourn in the tomb ; and in “ days ”’ (not “ years’) was  
it fulfilled. And while some would confine the year-  
1 Bvdrw.