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The frogs of Egypt went even into the kings’ cham-  
bers. Ps. cv. 30. The magicians of Egypt were  
silenced at the close of the struggle with Moses. These  
have fresh licence, and power is given to deceive and  
destroy. Earth loves to have it so.  
The kings of the earth appear at the sixth Seal: but  
then they are terrified, and own the Father and the  
Son. Now, others beside the ten of Antichrist appear  
on His side. Indeed all the crowned heads of earth  
follow in His train. The kings of the “ habitable earth ”  
are here said to be collected : in xix. the kings of “ the  
earth ” are gathered against Christ. What a picture for  
the imagination of a poet is here! How great the effects  
wrought, how intense the enthusiasm excited, by Peter  
the Hermit! The Gentile nations of the West were then  
roused to go to Jerusalem, nominally to fight for Christ.  
These go to fight against Him. But how like the scene !  
That Peter believed himself instructed by Christ in  
a vision, to stir up the nations against the Saracens.  
“ Miracles ’’ were wrought in support of the cause. The  
pilgrims distinguished themselves by a mark, not on  
their flesh, but on their clothes: a@ red cross on the  
right shoulder made known their vow.  
At Babel, man lifted himself up against God; but  
the Lord interfered, and wickedness was forbidden to  
develop itself in that day. Here the natural barriers  
against conspiracy are removed; and new, and subtle,  
and most mighty agents kindle all in one common  
sympathy against God.  
The Egyptians at the Red Sea turned to flee : here,  
men assemble to fight. ‘‘ Why sit we here groaning  
and moping in our pains? Let us arise, and avenge  
ourselves! Let us cut off Israel, and the prophecies of  
Him who professes Himself the true God are shattered ! ”’  
At this point a very singular notice and warning  
breaks in. Jesus addresses Himsclf to some servants of