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their sympathy against God’s enemies. Men are at this  
time defying their Creator, and therefore the inferior  
animals are made to triumph over them.  
The issues of the battle are known certainly long  
ere the armies are gathered. Here are none of “ the  
chances of war.” Here are not vessels of earth con-  
tending against vessels of earth, and all speculation at  
fault as to which shall prove victorious in the evenly-  
balanced encounter. The issue is certain and entire  
destruction to God’s foes. Before the battle the leader  
does not encourage his forces to fight and bid them put  
out their best energies. The executioners are collected  
to prey on the carcases of the slain, ere yet the battle  
is fought. So the deserter has his grave dug and coffin  
made, and is marched past it, ere the shots are fired,  
that are to lay his blindfolded head and fettered hands  
in the dust.  
The marriage-supper of the Lamb takes place above.  
‘Tis for His friends. The Great Supper of the Lion of  
Judah is given below. ’Tis the inaugural feast to the  
lower creation ; a proof of the ending of the evil age,  
by the cutting off of the “ perverse generation.” The  
supper of peace and that of war are both real equally.  
  
19. “‘ And I saw the Wild Beast, and tho kings of tho earth and  
his armies, gathered together to make war on him that sat on the  
horse, and on his army. 20. And the Wild Beast was seized,  
and with him the False Prophet who did the signs in his presence,  
whereby he deceived those that received the mark of the Wild  
Beast, and the worshippers of his image. The two were cast  
alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone. 21. And  
the rest were slain with the sword of the Sitter on the horse, which  
(sword) proceeded out of his mouth ; and all the birds were filled  
with their flesh.”  
  
How vast the array! All earth defies Christ; all  
own one leader; before the pretensions of the Great  
False Christ risen from the dead, all other claims grow