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hold the primacy ? ‘The Gentile his mferior 7’ It is a  
lie against nature and history: the past and the pre-  
sent. Assert your native superiority! Rise and wrest  
the sceptre from these oppressors ! Determine that you  
will be free! Will it, and liberty is yours! Go up to  
Jerusalem once more, not to pay homage there, not to  
confess that the metropolis of earth, but to destroy it,  
and set up a centre of your own!”  
Thus he deceives them. He makes them imagine it  
degradation to submit to God’s appointment.  
All past mercies are forgotten in deep ingratitude. -  
They will not have the holy to reign over them: they  
refuse Christ Himseift, the Perfect King.  
Satan does not now attempt to deceive /srael or their  
king, though once he prevailed against David, and  
drew down God’s displeasure on Israel and Jerawsalem.  
1 Chron. xxi. 1.  
The promise of God preserves them from any further  
wile of his. Isa. lix. 21.  
The devil goes into the four quarters of the globe on  
this errand, a new Peter the Hermit, preaching the cru-  
sade of many races against one. Great his encouragement.  
Multitudes unnumbered answer to his call. The nations  
are in the main still his seed. The seed of Satan must  
be purged out from among men, that m the new earth  
there may be a peace never disturbed. The evil gener-  
ation will not have passed away till the earth itself is  
destroyed.  
But this is a stumbling-block to some. ‘‘ Whom  
will he find willing? Only the holy are left on the  
earth, after the Saviour’s sword and His judgment have  
severed the evil from among the good” (Rev. xix. ;  
Matt. xxv. 31-46). It is true that, at the commence-  
ment of the millennium, only the holy will be found.  
But are the offspring of the holy holy likewise ? Must  
not grace step in, or the child of pious parents is only a