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mities to which the human race is lable; they have  
been compared to a scourge, which the Deity holds con-  
tinually in His hand to chastise the crimes of mankind ”  
(p. 71). Thence came the hordes of Goths, Huns, Turks,  
and then the Mogul Tartars under Zinghis Khan.  
We are to understand, then, that the northern nations,  
especially the Tartars, Russians, and the adjacent  
nations, will be conspicuous in this invasion.  
We must distinguish it, however, from the invasion of  
Gog and Magog in Ezek. xxxviii. It is after “that,  
that the millennial times occur. After this later inroad,  
the earth is burnt up. —  
“ The number of whom is as the sand of the sea.”  
Satan has now no king with him: all kings are of  
Christ’s appointment : they are the favouredrisen. Before  
the devil sent out evil spirits with miracles to persuade ;  
and had two supernatural human assistants. Now he  
is alone. Then he set up a false religion as the basis  
of the rebellion. Now, his time probably being far  
shorter than before, he aims only at collecting an army  
for battle.  
At the commencement of the thousand years, but  
few are left alive on earth, because of the fearful de-  
struction of the ungodly. But now, as the result of  
peace and plenty for a thousand years, the population  
of earth is enormous. In their vast numbers they put  
their trust: forgetful that God in former days has  
destroyed armies characterized by the same incalculable  
proportions.  
It is worthy of remark, that the point for which  
these go up to fight against God is granted in the next  
dispensation, and on the new earth. In the new world,  
all the nations occupy the same level. Of course  
the rebels have no place there. But God in mercy  
there removes this stone of offence. And had they  
waited but a brief period, they would have attained