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the object they so unlawfully and ungratefully sought.  
Satan’s last resource is war. Once he has fought in  
heaven; once on earth. He attempts it now for the  
third and last time.  
But some say of this scene,—‘ It is incredible, if all  
that has preceded be literally true, that ever men  
should be so frantic as to rush on Jerusalem when  
defended by the Son of God visibly seated in glory  
there !”  
Such little know what man and Satan are. Such  
have little profited by the records of the past. Is it  
incredible that after ten plagues supernaturally sent,  
and confessed to be from God, Pharaoh and his hosts  
should still assail the people of Israel visibly defended  
by the pillar of cloud ?  
Is it incredible, that after the earth had opened and  
swallowed up the congregation of Dathan and Abiram,  
and the fire of God had struck dead the two hundred  
and fifty presumptuous burners of incense, that the  
neat day “all the congregation of Israel murmured  
against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed  
the people of the Lord”? (Num. xvi. 41). Was that a  
fact ? So will this be.  
“They went up on the breadth of the earth.”  
But what is “the breadth of the earth ?”’ It is once  
used of the earth, or globe in general. Job xxxviii. 18.  
But I am inclined to think that in this place we should  
translate it, “on the breadth of the land,” referring the  
expression to the land of Israel, as it is in Isa. viii. 8.  
‘the expression seems to intend a design on their  
part to enclose the whole of the land of Israel, so as to  
cut off all, allowing none to escape.  
Zech. xiv. 16-19 teaches us that, in general, the  
nations will be disinclined for the long yearly pilgri-  
mage to Jerusalem, in order to keep the feast of taber-  
nacles. For God’s threats are directed against their