“*Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people*  
I WILL DO MARVELS *such as have not been done in all  
the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among  
which thou art shall see the work of the Lord: for it is a*TERRIBLE THING *that I will do with thee*.” (Exod. xxxiv. 10).  
As then these miracles of wrath are to be wrought  
before Israel, so, before they are sent, the twelve tribes  
of Israel reappear on the field.  
 6. The law itself threatens miracles of woe on Israel,  
if its statutes were broken. “*Then the Lord will* MAKE  
THY PLAGUES WONDERFUL, *and the plagues of thy  
seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore  
sicknesses, and of long continuance*” (Deut. xxviii. 59).  
As then the law has in every way been broken, so must  
these plagues come.  
 7. The days of Egyptian miracle are, as we have  
seen, to return. And why? Because the same moral  
reasons which led God to employ supernatural means in  
that day, have returned. The great question, “Who  
is the true God?” is mooted afresh. And as *Jehovah  
then manifested Himself to be the Creator by His power  
over the elements*, and over the creatures dwelling in  
them, so will He again make use of the same most  
reasonable mode of evidencing His divine attributes.  
Accordingly, we may observe a particular order in the  
objects on which the plagues fall, answering to that  
given in the history of the creation.  
 But the second great reason for the recurrence of  
these miraculous plagues is the wickedness of man  
come to the full. Dan. ix. 23; Ps. ii. The kings  
and men of earth cast off even nominal subjection to  
God and His Christ. Why then should the ordinary  
visitations of wrath smite the earth, when men’s  
wickedness far exceeds that which is found now?  
 Beside this, Israel will be in danger of being destroyed,  
under the power of a greater than Pharaoh of old.