resurrection of the Saviour, and the ascent of Enoch,  
Elijah, and our Lord.  
 It has been objected against Jesus’ resurrection and  
ascension, that neither took place in public; and that  
His mounting into the sky was beheld by friends only.  
But now God will grant, that, as the resurrection has  
been public, so shall the ascent be. Enemies gaze into  
heaven now, as the prophets go up. The foundation-stone of the kingdom of God, which is laid in resurrection, is now openly manifested before men. The  
kingdom itself in power is about speedily to follow.  
But there is no preaching of mercy now. Testimony,  
and its day of goodness to the godless, are past.  
  
 13. “And in that hour 1 followed a great earthquake, and the  
tenth of the city fell, and seven thousand names of men were  
killed in the earthquake; and the rest became affrighted, and  
gave glory to the God of the heaven.”  
  
 An earthquake attended on both the death and the  
resurrection of Jesus. “Behold, there was *a great  
earthquake:* for the angel of the Lord descended from  
heaven” (Matt. xxviii. 2). This continued resemblance  
to the Saviour, both in their sufferings and in the  
agency of God on their behalf, gives force to our Lord’s  
words, “Everyone that is perfect shall be as his  
Master” (Luke vi. 40).  
 Four earthquakes are mentioned in this book. (1)  
The one at the sixth seal; (2) one at the casting down  
of fire from heaven; (3) the third occurs on this occasion;  
and (4) the last after the seventh trumpet, xi. 19;  
which is the same, apparently, with that of the seventh  
vial. xvi. 18.  
 The consequence of the earthquake is a natural one.  
“The tenth of the city fell.”  
 The natural further consequence is, that men were  
  
1 Some good MSS. read “day.”