to the copper altar were of copper. Exod. xxvii. 3;  
Num. iv. 14; Zech. xiv. 20. These are of gold. Out  
of the bowls oil was poured over the accepted meat-offering, wine over the victim slain. Lev. xxiii. 13.  
 This is the sevenfold cup of God’s fury, given to the  
living offenders to drink, a *measured* vengeance.  
  
 8. “And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of  
God and from His power: and none could enter into the temple  
till the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.”  
  
 This is the hour of vengeance: no intercession shall  
go on. God will listen to naught now but to the demands  
of His righteous indignation. The Mount is fenced  
about, till the burst of displeasure is over. The glory  
is like devouring fire; but it visits not those on high,  
but the unclean below. The sin of earth is beyond  
endurance; the unpardonable sin is abroad.  
 This is the time foretold by Jeremiah, “Thou hast  
covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should  
not pass through” (Lam. iii. 44).