which he can neither prevent nor cure. He is proved  
thus, to the discomfiture of his worshippers, not to be  
Lord of heaven and earth.  
  
 3. “And the second poured out his bowl into the sea; and it  
became blood as of a dead man; and every living soul that was  
in the sea, died.”  
  
 The second trump affected the sea, and turned it  
into blood. But that plague was less severe (1) in  
extent: but a third of the sea was changed. (2) The  
sea was converted into blood, but not blood of the  
dead.  
 What is the peculiar change here contemplated, I do  
not feel quite certain of. It no doubt supposes that  
the waters will be thick, semi-solid. I imagine, also,  
that they will turn to a lurid reddish black.  
 This must affect greatly the sailing of ships. It  
must breed, too, pestilential vapours; specially under  
the scorching sun which follows.  
 The change in its waters naturally enough kills the  
fish. No living creature could inhale its half-solid  
waters. This is described as one of the acts of God’s  
sovereignty. Ps. cv. 30; Isa. l. 2.  
 This plague, then, affects greatly the commerce of the  
world, and destroys the livelihood of fishermen and  
sailors.  
  
 4. “And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the  
fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5. And I heard the  
angel of the waters say, ‘Righteous art thou who art, and who  
wast holy, because thou judgest thus. 6. For they shed the blood  
of saints and prophets, and blood gavest thou them to drink; they  
are worthy.’ 17. And I heard thy altar, saying, ‘Even so, Lord  
God of Hosts, true and great are thy judgments.’”  
  
 The third bowl affects the same great department  
of creation as the third trump. On the former occasion,  
only a third of the rivers and founts was attacked.