pale. The armies of earth are his, under his guidance,  
fighting in his cause, and each soldier sealed with his  
mark. The nations are angry, and God’s wrath is  
come. War is the open expression of anger. Each  
carries deadly weapons; and within, hatred is ready  
to employ them.  
 They are at length assembled, and with the express  
and well-known intention of fighting against Christ.  
The fears of kings and subjects, so strongly expressed  
at the sixth seal, are passed away. Men were nominally servants of God and of His Christ then. They  
are now professedly and really the worshippers of the  
False Christ, beyond repentance on their part, and beyond forgiveness on God’s. The wrath of God is at its  
height, because the wickedness of man is come to the  
full. Devils have mustered the host to its destruction.  
 Some deem it inconceivable, that men will be found  
daring enough to confront the Son of God from heaven.  
That is only because they overlook the causes then in  
operation. Satan’s full power is then in play: miracle  
is on the side of the False Christ: and God has sent an  
energy of delusion, that they who hated the truth of  
salvation may love the lie, and be destroyed. How  
almost incredible it seems, that the next day after the  
opened earth had swallowed up Dathan and Abiram,  
and fire from God had burnt up the presumptuous  
Levites, that the whole congregation should murmur  
against Moses and Aaron! Num. xvi. Yet so it was.  
 Men are assembled against Christ’s army, as well as  
against Himself. They expect the saints to come with  
Christ. The False Christ blasphemes them, while  
hidden in heaven. xiii. He and his men fight against  
them, now that they appear in the sky. The apostle  
speaks of Antichrist’s “hosts” in the plural. Many  
nations, separately arrayed, constitute his forces. But