present trial, it keeps us out of being mixed up with the  
judgment coming on the world.  
 Now this is *not true of all Christians:* some then  
will be left to pass through that hour of temptation,  
for the *promise does not encompass them*.  
 “The hour of temptation.”  
 The world, the flesh, and the devil seem to be very  
potent and tempting now. In what, then, will the  
superior force of temptation in that day consist?  
 In the false doctrine then abroad, identified with the  
person of the false Messiah, who is backed by miraculous powers. In the enthusiasm of all the lost in his  
behalf: in the rage of Satan, cast out of heaven, and  
furious, because his time is short. In the persecution  
which requires worship of the false Messiah, or death.  
But to worship, is damnation! And God’s wrath is then  
descending on the world, in streams of intense bitterness.  
 This “hour of temptation” is part of “the Great  
and Terrible Day of the Lord.” It is an “hour,” a  
brief, definite season, of three years and a half, closing  
with the manifestation of the Lord Jesus in the clouds.  
 What is its *extent* of power?  
 “It is about to come upon the whole habitable  
earth.”  
 Here, many fall off from the breadth of the Redeemer’s word. “All the world” may (says one) “either  
denote the whole world: or the whole Roman Empire,  
*or a large district of country, or the land of Judea!*”  
 No! It will embrace *every inhabited country*.  
 Both Jews and Gentiles will be caught in this grand  
net of Satan’s.  
 What is the *purpose* of this awful temptation?  
 “To try the dwellers on the earth.”  
 The design of this hour of temptation, is to try or  
test the dwellers on the earth. The earth's inhabitants  
are becoming more and more proud of themselves, and