

the command of *Joshua*, or the earth ceasing to revolve on its axis.

5. The *shadow going back* on the dial of *Ahaz* three degrees, or the earth retrograding.
6. The *supernatural darkness* that took place at our Saviour's crucifixion.

NOTE 16, p. 116.—*Which will take place in his time and at his word; and by the means and instruments that he empowers and commissions.* Ever since the fall of our first parents, a copious harvest of evil and sorrow, the fruit of sin, has been reaped by their descendants, amongst others, that of *slavery* has been one of the bitterest. In the case of *Ham* it was predicted and decreed by the Deity himself, that his son *Canaan* should be a *servant of servants* or *slave* to his brethren, a prediction which, to judge by the event, affected all the descendants of the offending patriarch, for no races have been so much degraded, in all respects, as the African negroes who derived their origin from him.

Much has of late been done with the view of ameliorating their condition, and most of the European nations have concurred in the benevolent endeavour. In consequence of the exertions of this country, the debasing traffic in slaves, and the miseries and waste of human life that it occasioned, have been very much diminished. But though Christian nations have agreed to relinquish the trade in slaves, and it is to be hoped that many of the wars that were expressly kindled amongst the Africans themselves, for the purpose of making slaves, will cease: still there are markets for slaves that we have no power to close; and therefore it is to be apprehended that the good expected from the abolition, by European states, of the traffic in question, will not be altogether realized: so that it still seems doubtful whether slavery is near its extinction, or whether it ever will be