

THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

BOOK THE FIRST.

HISTORY OF DANIEL.

Nebukadnezzar orders Daniel and Others to be Educated:

1 **N**EBUKADNEZZAR, King of Babel came in the third year of Jhoiakim King of Judah, to Jerusalem, 2 and besieged it, and the ALMIGHTY gave Jhoiakim, King of Judah into his power, with part of the furniture of the House of God, and he carried them to the land of Shinar, to the House of his God, and he put the furniture into the treasury of his God. 3 Then the King commanded Ashphenaz, his High Chamberlain, to select some of the children of Israel, and some of the Royal Family, and 4 some of the nobles. Boys in whom there was no defect, and pleasing in appearance, and to educate in every science, and have them taught in knowledge, and trained in affairs,—who might have ability in them to attend in the Royal Palace; and to teach them the alphabet and 5 language of the Kasdim. The King also assigned them daily a portion of the Royal food, and wine from his own altar, and to educate them for three years, and at the end for them to attend before the King. 6 And there were amongst them, from the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishal, and Azariah. 7 But the High Chamberlain changed their names, and gave to Daniel, Beltishazar, and to Hananiah, Shadrak, and to Mishal, Meshak, and to 8 Azariah, Abed-nego. Daniel, however, decided in his heart not to pollute himself with the king's food, or wine from his cellar, so he requested of the High Chamberlain that he might 9 not be defiled. And GOD gave Daniel favour and acceptability with 10 the High Chamberlain. The High Chamberlain, however, said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my Master the King, who has appointed what your food and drink shall be, and he will observe your faces more gloomy than the lads who are around you, and I

shall forfeit my head to the King!" But Daniel replied to Meltzar who 11 had been appointed High Chamberlain over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishal, and Azariah. "Pass by your servants, 12 I pray, for ten days, and give us grain to eat, and water to drink. And 13 compare our appearance for yourself, with the appearance of the lads who eat the King's food, and do with your servants according to the result."

So he listened to this request of 14 his, and passed them for ten days, and at the end of the ten days he 15 made an examination of the result, which was they were better and fairer in body than all the lads who 16 ate the Royal provisions. So he gave them grain.

And GOD gave to these fair lads 17 intelligence and skill in all books, and science; and to Daniel understanding about all visions and dreams. And at the end of the period the 18 King had commanded for their production, the High Chamberlain brought them to the presence of Nebukadnezzar. Then the King 19 conversed with them, and found none amongst them all equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishal, and Azariah. So they attended in the Royal presence, and in every matter of 20 scientific knowledge that the King enquired of them about, he found them ten times better informed than all the Engineers and Mathematicians who were in his whole Empire. And 21 Daniel lived until the first year of King Kuresh.

Nebukadnezzar's Dream.

It occurred in the twelfth¹ of the 2 reign of Nebukadnezzar that Nebukadnezzar dreamed dreams, and his

1 NOTE.—Ch. 2, v. 1, "Second" for "Twelfth year" is a chronological impossibility, as will be seen by Second Kings, ch. 24, v. 1, it examined; and also the statement in Daniel, ch. 1, that it was at least three years after Nebukadnezzar's return from the capture of

mind was disturbed, and his sleep
 2 left him. The King consequently
 ordered to call the engineers and
 mathematicians and enchanters, and
 Kasdim¹ to explain the King's dreams
 to him. So they came and stood
 3 before the King. When the King said
 to them "I have dreamed a dream,
 and my mind is disturbed to under-
 stand the dream."

4 But the astronomers replied to the
 King in Aramic, "King may you live
 for ever! Tell the dream to your
 Slaves, and we will explain it clearly!"

5 He responded to the Astronomers,
 and said, "The purport has gone
 from me!—But look! If you do not
 inform me what the dream was, and
 explain it, you shall be cut in pieces,
 you slaves, and your houses be made
 6 a dung-hill!—But if you show the
 dream and explain it, you shall be
 givengifts and great honours!—Relate,
 therefore, what I saw first, and show
 me the dream, and explain it!"

7 They again answered, and said,
 "Let the King tell to his slaves the
 dream, and we will explain its
 meaning!"

8 The King retorted and said, "I
 know assuredly that you are putting
 off, because you discover that the
 matter has gone from me.—There-
 9 fore, if you do not inform me what
 the dream was,—you have one fate;
 —for you utter lies, and rotten con-
 trivances, to talk before me till my
 mood changes;—Look sharp! Tell
 me the dream!—when I shall know
 that you can explain its meaning!"

10 The astronomers replied to the
 King, and said, "There is never a

man on earth who is able to accom-
 plish the King's demand! Because
 no Great King or Ruler ever asks
 such a thing, of any engineer, en-
 chanter, or astronomer! And the 11
 statement the King demands is
 tremendous! And besides there is
 no one who could accomplish it to
 the King, except the Gods, whose
 dwelling is not in flesh!"

Because of this the King was angry. 12
 and excessively furious, and ordered
 the destruction of all the Scientists
 in Babel! and a Decree was pub- 13
 lished to kill all the Scientists, and
 they searched after Daniel and his
 associates to kill them.

Daniel, however, met Ariok, the 14
 Captain of the Guards, who had been
 sent by the King to kill the Scientists
 of Babel. He addressed and asked 15
 Ariok, the Superintendent of the
 King,—“On what account is the
 Decree of the King so sudden?”

And Ariok informed Daniel of the
 affair. Then Daniel rose, and went 16
 to the King, and begged to be given
 a fixed time when he would explain
 it to the King.

Daniel then returned to his house 17
 and communicated with Hananiah,
 Mishal, and Azariah his companions,
 about the matter, and entreated them 18
 to request the GOD of HEAVEN not
 to hide this thing, so that Daniel and
 his friends might not be destroyed
 with the rest of the Scientists of
 Babel. After that the secret was 19
 revealed to Daniel in a vision at
 night, and Daniel thanked the GOD
 of HEAVEN. Daniel addressed Him 20
 and said;

Daniel's Anthem of Thanks.

"Should not the Name of GOD be blessed,
 For ever and ever?

For wisdom and power are His;

And He changes the times,

And appoints opportunities;

He raises kings and depresses kings;

He to the wise gives wisdom,

And He gives knowledge and skill.

He reveals the deep and the hidden;

He knows what is obscure,

And light resides with Him.

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Jerusalem, before Daniel had finished his
 education and been introduced as a Page at
 Court, as stated in Daniel 1, as above. We
 cannot, therefore, doubt but that the word
 עשר (aser)—“ten” has been omitted after

the first numeral שתיים (shethim)—two,
 which in Hebrew form one word, “twelfth.”
 I consequently translate it as “twelfth year.”
 —F. F.

¹ Astronomers.

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I thank You, GOD of my Fathers,
And praise for giving me science, and power,
And revealing what we sought from You ;
Revealing this thing of the King's."

Daniel asks an Audience.

- 24 In consequence of this Daniel went to Ariok, whom the King had appointed to destroy the Scientists of Babel, and said to him, "Do not destroy the Scientists of Babel!—Bring me before the King, and I will myself explain it to him."
- 25 Ariok consequently went in haste with Daniel to the King and said to him, "I have found a man from among the Captive Jews who can tell the King the meaning."
- 26 The King then addressed, and asked Daniel,—who was named Beltishazar;—"Are you able to tell me the Dream that I saw, and explain it?"
- 27 Daniel replied to the King and said,—"The secret that the King demands no Scientist, Enchanter, or Engineer is able to decide and show
- 28 to the King!—However, there is a GOD in Heaven who reveals the hidden, and He has made known to King Nebukadnezzar what will be in future times.—

Nebukadnezzar's Dream.

- "Your Dreams, and the visions of your head upon your bed were these.
- 29 From you, King, your thoughts ascended on your bed, as to what would be after now, and the Revealer of the Hidden made known to you,
- 30 what will be! But not for any Science that I possess, more than any living, has this secret been revealed to me, but, with the object for me to make it known to the King, and that you might know the thoughts of your mind.
- 31 "You, King, were looking, and saw a Great Image. This Image which was great, and its splendour dazzling, stood before you, and its aspect was
- 32 terrible. The head of the Image was of fine gold; its breast and arms of silver; its belly and thighs of brass;
- 33 its legs of iron; its feet part of iron
- 34 and part of clay! You looked at it until a stone was cut without hands and thrown against the iron and clay feet of the Image, and broke them to
- 35 pieces. Then at once, the Iron, Clay, Brass, and Gold were broken, and became like chaff from thrashing

wheat, and the whole were carried away by the wind, and no rest was found for them; but the stone that struck the Image became a Great Mountain, and filled the earth!

"THAT WAS THE DREAM.—Now 36 the meaning shall be told to the King.

"You, King, are a King of Kings! 37 to whom the GOD of HEAVEN has given this Empire, its power, its might, and splendour. And wher- 38 ever the sons of men reside, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the skies, he has given into your hand, and you rule all of them.—You are the Head of Gold!

"But after you another Kingdom 39 will arise inferior to yours! and another third kingdom of brass, which will rule over all the country. Then a fourth kingdom that will be 40 as strong as Iron. Because as Iron breaks and crushes all, so like iron it will break all in pieces, and crush. And as you saw its feet and toes were 41 formed part of clay, and part of iron; that Kingdom will be a divided one; yet the firmness of iron will be in it, because you saw the iron mixed with tempered clay. So as the toes were 42 part of iron, and part of clay, part of that Empire will be strong, and part brittle; and as you observed the iron 43 was mixed with the tempered clay, they will mix themselves with the races of mankind;—but will not stick together with each other, as iron does not unite with clay. But in the days of 44 those kings, the GOD of HEAVEN will establish an EVERLASTING EMPIRE, and Indestructible,—whose Sovereignty will not be transferred to another People. It will subdue and break all the Kingdoms, and will stand for ever! And as you saw a stone cut 45 from a rock,—but not by hands,—which broke the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold;—the GREAT GOD has revealed to the King what will come after now,—and the Dream is certain, and my Interpretation true!"

Nebukadnezzar's Astonishment and Terror.

Then King Nebukadnezzar fell on 46 his face and did reverence to Daniel,

and commanded to present a gift and
47 perfumes to him. Then the King
addressed Daniel and said;

"I know by a proof that your GOD
is a GOD of Gods, who makes kings,
and reveals the hidden, since you
have been able to disclose this hidden
thing!"

Daniel is Promoted.

48 The King afterwards promoted
Daniel, and presented him with great
gifts, and made him Governor over
all the Province of Babel, and Presi-
dent of all the Scientists of Babel.

49 Daniel, however, asked it from the
King, and he appointed as Adminis-
trators of the Province of Babel
Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego.
But Daniel continued at the King's
Court.

The Golden Column.

3 Nebukadnezzar the King made a
Golden Column, whose height was
sixty cubits, and its breadth six. He
erected it on the plain of Dura, in the
Province of Babel.

Dedication of the Golden Column.

2 Then Nebukadnezzar sent to col-
lect the Viceroy, Presidents, and
Lawyers; the Judges, the Treasurers,
the Counsellors, the Justices, and all
the Governors of Provinces, to
assemble for the dedication of the
column that King Nebukadnezzar
had erected.

3 Consequently all the Viceroy, the
Presidents, and Lawyers, with
Judges, Treasurers, the Counsellors,
the Justices and all Governors of
Provinces assembled to the dedica-
tion of the Column that King Nebu-
kadnezzar had set up. Then the
4 Herald proclaimed:—

The Fiery Furnace.

"It is commanded to you.—Peoples,
5 Nations, and Languages, that at the
time you hear the sound of the horn,
pipe, harp, sackbut, psaltery, bagpipe,
and all kinds of music, you shall fall
down and worship the Column of Gold
that Nebukadnezzar the King has
6 erected!—And whoever does not fall
down and worship it,—shall imme-
diately be flung into the middle of
the burning fiery furnace!"

7 Consequently at the time appointed
when all the Peoples heard the sound
of the horn, the pipe, the harp, the

sackbut, the psaltery, the bagpipe,
and all kinds of music, all the Peoples
Nations, and Languages, fell and
worshipped the Golden Column that
King Nebukadnezzar had set up!

The Jews Accused of not Worshipping it.

However, at that time some men of 8
the Kasdim approached and accused
the Jews. They addressed King 9
Nebukadnezzar,

"May you live for ever, King!—Did 10
not you yourself, King, appoint a
Decree for all men, when they heard
the sound of the horn, the pipe, the
harp, the sackbut, the psaltery, the
bagpipe, and all kinds of music, to fall
down and worship the Golden Column?
And that whoever did not fall down 11
and worship, should immediately be
flung into the middle of the burning
fiery furnace?—But there are men of 12
the Jews whom you have appointed
over the administration of the Pro-
vince of Babel, Shadrak, Meshak,
and Abed-nego;—these men have not
obeyed you, King! They have not
fallen down to your God; and have
not worshipped the Golden Column
that you have set up!"

Then Nebukadnezzar, in rage and 13
fury, commanded Shadrak, Meshak
and Abed-nego to be brought. And the
men were brought before the King;
when Nebukadnezzar addressed and 14
said to them.

"Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego,
why do you not honour and fall
down to my God, nor worship the
Golden Column I have erected?—
However, are you prepared, at the 15
time you hear the sound of the horn,
the pipe, the harp, the sackbut, the
psaltery, the bagpipe, and all kinds of
music to fall down and worship the
Column that I have made?—If you
will not worship, you shall be imme-
diately flung into the middle of the
burning fiery furnace!—And who is
the God that can deliver you from
My hand?"

Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego 16
replied, and said to King Nebukad-
nezzar:—

"We do not care enough about
this Decree to answer you!—Be sure 17
there is a GOD Whom we worship,
Who is able to deliver us from the
burning fiery furnace! And HE will
deliver us from your hand, King!"

18 But if not, let it be known to yourself, King, that we will not reverence your God, nor worship the Golden Column you have set up!"

The Despot's Fury.

19 Then Nebukadnezzar was filled with fury, and the shape of his face was changed, at Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego, so in reply he ordered them to heat the furnace seven times
20 more than usual, and commanded the strongest men in his army to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego, and to fling them into the fiery furnace!

21 Consequently these men were bound in their trousers, waistcoats, mantles, and turbans, and flung into the middle of the burning fiery furnace. However, because the furnace was made excessively hot, owing to the urgent command of the King, the men who took up Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego were killed by the
23 flame of the fire; but those three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego fell bound into the centre of the burning fiery furnace!

24 Then Nebukadnezzar was terrified, and rose up hastily, and addressed his Counsellors, and asked, "Did we not throw three men bound into the middle of the burning fiery furnace?"

They answered and said, "Certainly, King!"

25 He replied and said,—“How then do I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and unimpaired? And the appearance of the fourth is like a SON of a GOD!”

26 Then Nebukadnezzar approached the entrance of the burning fiery furnace, and called, and said,—“Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego, servants of the HIGHEST GOD, come out, and come here!”

Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego came out of the midst of the
27 fire, and the Viceroy, the Presidents, and the Counsellors of the King, saw the men, and that the fire had not had power over their bodies, and that the hair of their heads was not singed, and their clothing not injured, and the smell of fire was not upon them.

28 Nebukadnezzar consequently exclaimed, “Thank the GOD of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego, Who sent His Messenger, to deliver His servants who trusted upon Him, who dis-

regarded the Royal Decree, and gave up their bodies, and would not serve, and would not worship any God, but their own GOD! Therefore I now
29 Ordain a Decree to every People, Nation, and Language, that whoever shall speak insultingly of the GOD of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego, shall be cut to pieces, and their houses made a dung-hill, because there is not another GOD who is able to deliver like Him!”

The King afterwards promoted
30 Shadrak, Meshak, and Abed-nego, in the Province of Babel.

(Ch. 4. A.V.) Nebukadnezzar's Proclamation of Gratitude to the God of Israel.

“Nebukadnezzar the King, to all
31 Peoples, Nations, and Languages, who reside on all the earth,—Perfect Peace!—

“It is a pleasure to me to declare
32 the signs and wonders which the HIGHEST GOD has shown towards me. How great are His Signs! And how mighty His wonders! He reigns king for ever! And His Government is for ages of ages! (Ch. 4. Heb.)

“I, Nebukadnezzar, was at peace in my home, and flourishing in my Palace. I dreamed a vision, and
2 was depressed, and the thoughts upon my bed, and the visions, terrified my head. Therefore I issued an order
3 to bring before me all the Scientists of Babel to explain the purport of my dream. Consequently the
4 Engineers, the Enchanters, the Astronomers, and Mathematicians came, and I related my Dream to them;—but they could not explain its meaning. At last, however,
5 Daniel came before me;—whom I have appointed Prince of Bel,—after the name of my God,—and in whom there is the spirit of the Holy Gods,—to whom I related my Dream;—

Nebukadnezzar's Second Dream.

“Bel-Tishazar, Chief of the Engi-
6 neers, because I know that the spirit of the Holy Gods is with you, and no secret is hidden from you, look at the vision I dreamed, and tell me its explanation, for the visions of
7 my head on my bed were these.—I looked, and saw a tree in the middle of the land, and it was very high. The tree grew, and strengthened,
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and its top touched the skies, and it could be seen to the extent of the country. Its foliage was pleasant, with plenty of fruit, and food for all upon it. The beasts of the field sheltered under it, and the birds of the skies dwelt on its branches, and all animals were fed by it. I watched, looking at the vision of my head on my bed, and saw a Holy Watchman descend from the heavens. He spoke with Authority, and said, 'Cut this tree down! Cut off its branches! Shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Drive the beasts from under it, and the birds from its boughs.

"However, leave its roots in the earth, with a fence of iron and brass, in the grass of the field and moisten it with the dew of the skies, and let its lot be with the beasts of the earth. Change his heart from a human, and let the heart of a beast be given to him, and let seven seasons pass over him. By Decree of the Watchers it is decreed, and by the command of the Holy Ones is the Order about the affair; so that the living may learn that the HIGHEST rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whoever He decides, and raises the vilest of men over it!"

"That was the Vision I dreamed, I Nebukadnezzar. But you, Bel-Tishazar tell the explanation, for all the Scientists of my Empire are not able to explain or to interpret it, so I called you to Myself; because the Spirit of the HOLY GOD is in you.

"Then Daniel, whom I had appointed Prince of Bel, was at first amazed on hearing it, and his thoughts troubled him.

"Therefore I, the King, addressed Bel-Tishazar and said, 'Do not let the Dream or its explanation trouble you!'

"But Bel-Tishazar replied, and said,—'May the portent of the dream be to those who hate, and its explanation of those who oppose you!—The Tree that you saw, that was great and strong and whose top touched the skies, and that was seen all over the land, whose foliage was beautiful, and with plenty of fruit, with food for everyone upon it; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and the birds of the skies nestled on its boughs; It was YOURSELF, KING!

who have grown, and strengthened, and increased in power, and touch the skies, and govern the bounds of the land! And as you saw a Holy Watcher descend from the skies, and command to fell the tree and destroy it, yet to leave its roots in the ground, and surrounded with iron and brass in the grass of the field, and to be moistened with dew from the skies; and its lot to be with the beasts of the field, until seven Seasons had passed over it;—This is its explanation, and, King! it is a DECREE of the HIGHEST, proclaimed against my Lord, the King,—and to drive you from among men. And you will be driven to be with the beasts of the field, and you shall eat the grass like oxen, and be wet with the dew of the skies,—and seven Seasons shall pass over you, until you learn that the MOST HIGH rules over the Empire of man, and gives it to whoever He decides!

"But since they were ordered to leave the stump of the roots of the tree,—your kingdom will be reserved for you, until you understand that the Heavens rule!

"Consequently, King, let my advice be pleasing to you, and redeem your sins by righteousness,—and your faults by mercy to the wretched. Then there may be a continuance of your prosperity!"

All this happened to King Nebukadnezzar.—At the end of twelve months he was walking upon the Royal Palace of Babel, when the King exclaimed and said;—

"Is not this Great Babel itself what I have built, for the residence of My Majesty, by MY might, and for the Splendour of MY MAGNIFICENCE?"

Immediately after the King had spoken, a voice fell from the heavens—"King Nebukadnezzar! it is proclaimed against you!—The Empire has gone from you! And you shall be driven out from mankind, and you shall stay with the beasts of the field. You shall eat grass like oxen; and seven Seasons shall pass over you, until you learn that the HIGHEST rules in the kingdoms of men, and gives them to whoever He decides."

"In that hour at that moment it was accomplished on Nebukadnezzar and he was driven out from mankind, and ate grass like oxen, and he was wet with the drops of the skies rained

upon him, until his hair grew like
 31 eagles and his claws like birds. But
 at the end of the period I, Nebukad-
 nezzar, raised my eyes towards
 the heavens, and my understanding
 returned to me, and I blessed the
 HIGHEST, and praised and honoured
 Him LIVING FOR EVER;—for His
 Government rules for ever,—and His
 32 Dominion for ages of ages. For all
 the dwellers on earth may be con-
 sidered as nothing;—but HE rules as
 with His army in the Host of the
 Heavens, and over the inhabitants of
 the earth, and there is none who can

restrain His hand, and say to Him
 'What are You doing?'

"At the same time my intellect 33
 returned to me, and the splendour of
 my Empire, my honour, and glory
 came back to me; and my Advisers
 and Nobles came and fixed me in
 the empire, and they granted power
 to me.

"Consequently, I, Nebukadnezzar,
 praise and exalt, and honour the
 KING OF HEAVEN; for all His acts
 are right, and ways just;—and He is
 able to depress those who walk in
 pride."

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

BOOK THE SECOND.

THE FALL OF BABYLON.

(538 B.C.) *The Pride, Wickedness,
 and Fall of Bel-Shazzar.*

5 The King Bel-Shazzar made a great
 supper for a thousand of his Nobles,
 and drank wine with the thousand
 2 Lords. Bel-Shazzar while excited by
 wine, commanded to bring the cups
 of gold and silver which Nebukad-
 nezzar his ancestor had brought from
 the Temple at Jerusalem, that the
 King, his Nobles, his wives, and con-
 3 cubines might drink from them. So
 they brought the cups of gold which
 had been carried from the Temple of
 the House of GOD, at Jerusalem, and
 the King and his Nobles, with his
 wives and concubines drank from
 4 them. They drank wine, and praised
 the Gods of gold, and silver, brass,
 iron, wood and stone.

The Writing on the Wall.

5 In the same hour the fingers of a
 man's hand appeared, and wrote
 opposite the lamp on the wall of the
 Palace of the King,—and the King
 watched the portion of a hand as it
 6 wrote. Then the brightness of the
 King changed, and his thoughts
 troubled him, and the joints of his
 loins were relaxed, and his knees
 7 struck one against the other. The
 King therefore cried loudly to bring
 the Mathematicians, Astronomers,

and Lawyers, whom the King ad-
 dressed, and said to the Scientists of
 Babel;—

"Whatever man can read that
 writing, and explain its meaning,
 shall be clothed in purple, and have
 a chain of gold put on his neck, and
 shall be one of the three Governors
 of the Empire!"

Then all the King's Scientists 8
 entered, but they were not able to
 read the writing, or to explain the
 meaning of it to the King. King Bel- 9
 Shazzar was consequently greatly
 troubled and the brightness of his
 expression was changed, and his
 Advisers were perplexed.

Because of the consternation of the 10
 King and his Counsellors, the Queen
 Dowager came into the banqueting
 house, and addressed the King and
 said,

"May you live for ever, King!—
 Let not your thoughts trouble you, or
 your expression change.—There is a 11
 man in your Empire in whom is the
 spirit of the HOLY GODS; and in the
 times of your ancestors, light and
 intelligence and science, like the
 science of the Gods, was found in
 him, and King Nebukadnezzar your
 ancestor appointed him chief of the
 Engineers, Enchanters, Astronomers,
 and Mathematicians, because a spirit 12
 of light, and knowledge, and under-

standing in the explanation of Dreams, the solution of problems, and loosening of difficulties was found in him,—in Daniel,—by the king, who appointed him as Prince of Bel.—So let Daniel be called, and he will explain the problem."

Bel-Shazzar's Offer to Daniel if he reads The Writing on the Wall.

13 Daniel was therefore brought before the King; when the King addressed him and said to Daniel,

"Are you the Daniel of the sons of the Captives who were brought by my Ancestor from Judea? For I have heard that the spirit of the Gods is in you, and light, and intelligence, and that supreme science is found in you. Now the Scientists, and Enchanters, have been brought to me to read that Inscription and explain its meaning, but they are not able to explain the meaning of the phenomenon. But I have heard about you, that you could explain it clearly, and solve its difficulties. Therefore if you are able to read the writing, and explain its meaning, you shall be clothed in purple, and a chain of gold be put on your neck, and be of the three who govern the Empire!"

Daniel Refuses the Reward, but reads the Writing.

17 Daniel, however, answered and said to the king;—

"Keep your gifts to yourself! And your plunder for others!—However I will read the Inscription for the King; and explain its meaning.—As regards yourself, King, the HIGHEST GOD gave your ancestor Nebukadnezzar this Empire, and Greatness, and Power, and Majesty;—And at the Grandeur given to him, all the Peoples, Nations, and Languages were trembling and fearing before him.—Whoever he decided, was murdered; and whoever he decided should live, they did live; and he promoted whoever he chose, and threw down whoever he determined. But when his heart became exalted, and his mind overbearingly insolent, he was driven from the throne of his Empire, and they took his glory from him, and he was driven from mankind, and lived with the beasts, and dwelt among the wild asses, eating

grass like oxen, and was wet with the dropping rain of the skies, until that he learnt that the HIGHEST GOD rules over the Kingdoms of Men, and places whoever He decides over them.—Yet you, Bel-Shazzar, his descendant, although you knew all this, have not humbled your heart, but have exalted yourself against the LORD of the HEAVENS and have brought the cups of His House out to yourself,—and you, your Nobles, your wives, and concubines, have drunk wine from them, and honoured the Gods of silver and gold; brass, iron, wood, and stone,—who neither see, nor hear nor know;—but you have not thanked the GOD in Whose hand your breath is, and Who knows all your ways;—from Whom, also, was sent the part of a hand that affixed this inscription. And this is the Inscription that is affixed:—

"MENA, MENA, THEKEL; OH! FARSIN!"¹

"This is the explanation of the Mandate. the 26

"MENA. Decided — (GOD has decided about your kingdom, and destroyed it). 27

"THEKEL. Weighed — (You have been weighed in the scales and found insufficient). 28

"O! FARSIN! (Your empire is Persianized, and given to the Medes and Persians!)"¹ 29

Bel-Shazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel in scarlet, and put a chain of gold upon his neck, and proclaimed him as one of the three Rulers of the Empire! 30

Bel-Shazzar King of the Kasdim was slain on that night, and Dariush the Mede seized the Empire, being then sixty-two years of age.² 31

(538 B.C.) A Medo-Persian Republic Established in place of the Despotism of Babel.

It was decided for Dariush to be President: But there were appointed a hundred and twenty-seven Viceroys over the Empire, who were to join in

¹ NOTE.—Ch. 5, v. 29. The exact meaning is, "Decided! Decided! Weighed;—Ahoy! Persians!"—F. F.

² NOTE.—Ch. 6, v. 1, of A. V. is v. 31 of ch 5, in the original Chaldee.—F. F.

3 all the Government.¹ But over them were three Premiers of whom Daniel was the Chief, to whom the Viceroy were to give accounts, so that the King might not suffer loss.

The Plot against Daniel.

4 Daniel, however, himself was appointed the Premier over the Senators, because he had an enlightened mind, and the King set him over the 5 whole Empire. The superintendents and Viceroy consequently looked out to find something against Daniel in reference to his administration. But they were unable to find an error or fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault could be found about 6 him. These men consequently said; "We shall not find anything wrong against Daniel, unless it is found in 7 regard to the law of his GOD." These Superintendents and Viceroy therefore approached the King and said thus to him,—

"King Dariush, may you live for 8 ever! All the Superintendents, Governors, and Viceroy, Counsellors, and Deputies, of the Empire have consulted together to pass a Royal Decree, and to proclaim an edict, that any one who may seek a request from any God or Man for thirty days,—except from yourself, King,—shall be flung into the Den of 9 Lions! Therefore, King, confirm the Interdict, and sign the record, so that it cannot be altered, according to the law of the Medes and Persians which cannot be abolished."

10 The King Dariush accordingly confirmed the Interdict.

11 But although Daniel knew the Record was signed, he went to his house, and opened the window of his chamber towards Jerusalem, and

knelling thrice a day on his knees, he prayed and gave thanks, as he had done formerly to GOD. These men 12 then visited him and found Daniel asking and entreating of GOD as formerly. They consequently ap- 13 proached and asked the King, about the Interdict.

"Did you not sign an Interdict against any person who should ask anything from any God or Man, for thirty days?—except, King, from you, —that they should be thrown into the Den of Lions?"

The King replied and said;—"I did establish that, according to the law of the Medes and Persians that alters not."

Then they responded and said to the 14 King, "That Daniel, who is one of the sons of the Captives, does not regard you, King, or the Interdict that you signed, but prays three times a day, making his requests!"

When, however, the King heard this 15 statement he was exceedingly disturbed over it, and set his heart to deliver Daniel, and exerted himself till the departure of the sun, to rescue him. Those men however pressed on 16 to the King, and said to the King, "You know, King, the Law of the Medes and Persians, that any Interdict or Decree confirmed by the King cannot be altered."

Daniel Flung into the Den of Lions.

The King consequently said, "Let 17 it be done to Daniel!" So they flung him into the Den of Lions.

The King, however, addressed Daniel and said, "Your GOD, Whom you constantly serve, will deliver you."

They then placed a large stone at 18 the mouth of the Den, and the King sealed it with his seal, and his Nobles also sealed it, so that the trap might not be opened for Daniel. Then the 19 King returned to his palace, and sat down fasting, and did not permit food to be brought before him, and sleep fled from him. The King conse- 20 quently rose at early dawn, and went in anxiety to the Lions' Den; and 21 when he approached to the Den, he called in an agonized voice to Daniel. The King addressed him and said, "Daniel! Daniel! servant of the LIVING GOD! Has the GOD Whom you serve continually been able to deliver you from the Lions?"

¹ NOTE.—Ch. 6, v. 2. This shows that the Medo-Persian rule was, at least originally, a Federal, or Constitutional Commonwealth, with Darius as Imperial President, Cyrus as Vice-President, and an Oligarchic, or probably an Elected Parliament of 127 leading men as Legislators, for by the subsequent history of Daniel it is quite clear that Darius or Cyrus, as individuals, had no legislative, but only administrative functions in the New Empire. These facts should be borne in mind, for the ignorance of them by the Old Translators, and all commentators, has introduced wild confusion and error into the study of the Historical Scriptures—error that has been seized greedily by the assailants of revelation to attack our faith.—F. F.

22 When Daniel replied and said,
 "Yes, King, yes! May you live for
 23 ever, King! GOD sent His Messenger
 and closed the mouths of the lions,
 who could not devour me! Because
 I was innocent before Him. And also
 against you, King, I have done no
 wrong."

Daniel Released from the Den.

24 The King consequently was exceed-
 ingly glad about it, and commanded
 to release Daniel from the Den. So
 they released Daniel from the Den,
 and no injury was found upon him,
 for he had trusted in GOD.

The Conspirators Flung to the Lions.

25 Then the King commanded and
 they brought those men who had
 accused Daniel, and flung them into
 the Den of Lions, they, their children,
 and wives; and they had not arrived

at the floor of the Den before the lions
 seized them, and broke all their bones.

Conversion of Dariush and the Worship of God Ordained.

Dariush the King afterwards 26
 wrote;—

"To All Nations, Peoples, and
 Languages, who dwell on all the
 Earth,—much Peace to you:—From 27
 Myself I issue a Decree, that in all
 the Governments of my Empire they
 must tremble and do reverence before
 the GOD of DANIEL; for He is a
 LIVING GOD, and exists, and His
 Dominion cannot be destroyed; and
 His Government is to eternity! He 28
 delivers and rescues; and produces
 signs and wonders in the heavens
 and on the earth;—for he delivered
 Daniel from the power of the Lions."

Thus Daniel prospered in the em- 29
 pire of Dariush, and the empire of
 Kuresh the Persian.

END OF THE HISTORY OF DANIEL.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

BOOK THE THIRD.

THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL.

(555 B.C.) The Four Beasts.

7 In the first year of Bel-Shazzar, King
 of Babel, Daniel dreamed a dream,—
 and a vision of his head upon his bed.
 He therefore wrote the dream of his
 2 head, and related the matter. Daniel
 spoke and said:

The Vision of the Four Beasts.

"I saw a vision, in the visions of
 the night, and noted the four winds
 of the sky rush out upon the Great
 3 Sea! And four Great Beasts arose
 from the sea, different from one
 4 another. The First, like a Lion, with
 wings like an Eagle; I continued
 watching until it folded its wings and
 alighted upon the land, and stood on
 its feet like a man, and a human heart
 was given to it.

5 "Then I saw another beast,—the
 Second—like a Bear, and it estab-
 lished a Dominion. It had three tusks

in its mouth amongst its teeth; and
 it was commanded to arise and devour
 much flesh.

"After that as I was looking I saw 6
 another, like a Leopard, and it had
 four wings like a bird on its back, and
 four heads, and life and a Dominion
 were given to it.

"After that I looked and saw 7
 BEINGS in the visions of the night;

"Then I noted a Fourth Beast,—
 Terrible, Dreadful, and very Strong!
 And it had iron teeth. It devoured
 much, and stamped and broke with
 its feet the rest. It was, however,
 different from all the previous beasts;
 —and had Ten Horns. While I was 8
 reflecting about the Horns, I observed
 another little horn rise amongst them,
 but three of the former horns were
 pulled up before it. I, also, observed
 eyes like human eyes in this Horn,
 and a mouth speaking magnilo-
 quently! —

- 9 "I continued watching until the thrones were flung down, and The SPLENDOUR OF TIME sat. His robes glittered like snow, and the hair of his head was like clean wool. His Throne was flames of fire! Its wheels flashing
10 fire! A river of fire proceeded, and flamed before him; thousands of thousands served him; and crowds on crowds stood before him.—He sat to Judge; and the records were opened.
- 11 "I was looking for that time, because of the magniloquent words that the Horn spoke.—
"I continued looking, until the Beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and given to the burning fire!
12 But the rest of the Beasts had a period of Dominion, and a continuance of life was given to them, for a Period, and a Time.
- 13 "I continued watching, in the vision of the night, and saw in the clouds of the heavens one who was like a SON of MAN, who advanced to the SPLENDOUR OF TIME, and was introduced to him, and he gave him a Dominion, and Glory, and Kingship; —and all Nations, and Peoples, and Languages bowed to him. His Dominion will dominate for ever, and not pass away, and his Empire will not be destroyed.
- 15 "The Spirit of myself, Daniel, was pained in its sheath, and the thoughts
16 of my head disturbed me, so I advanced to one of the by-standers and determined to enquire of him what all this meant, and he replied to me, and explained its purport.
- 17 "Those four Great Beasts that you
18 will be established on the earth. The Saints of the MOST HIGH will afterwards take the Empire, and possess it for ever, and for ever and ever!"
- 19 "Then I determined to ascertain about the Fourth Beast, why it was different from them,—terrible, dreadful, with teeth of iron, and its claws of brass,—devouring, trampling, and
20 smashing the rest with its feet? And about the Ten Horns on its head, and the one that sprung up, when three fell before it? That Horn that had eyes and a mouth, and spoke magniloquently, and whose expression was more haughty than its companions?—
21 So I continued watching, and that Horn made war with the Saints, and
22 defeated them, until the SPLENDOUR

OF TIME arrived, and gave Judgment for the Saints of the MOST HIGH, and the time came for the Saints to possess the Empire.

"Then he said, 'The Fourth Beast 23 is a Fourth Empire on earth. It will be different from all the Empires, and devour all the earth, and thrash it, and break it. And the Ten Horns of the 24 Empire, are Ten Kingdoms that will arise; but another will arise after them, and it will differ from these kingdoms, and will depose three kings. It will also speak in opposition to the 25 HIGHEST, and persecute the Saints of the MOST HIGH, and determine to change the Times, and the Laws;—and they will be given into his hand for a period, and periods, and half a period. Then the Tribunal will sit, and 26 its Dominion will be terminated, and destroyed, and abolished completely, when the Empire, and Dominion and 27 Grandeur of the Empire under the whole heavens, will be given to the Holy People of the MOST HIGH. His Empire is an eternal Empire, and all Dominions shall be subject to, and serve, Him.—There is the end of these affairs.'

"I, myself, Daniel, reflected greatly, 28 —was troubled,—and my thoughts disturbed me, but I kept the matter in mind."

The Vision of the Ram and Goat.

"In the third year of the reign of King 8 Bel-Shazzar, a Vision appeared to me, Daniel, after the former one that appeared to me. And I looked at the 2 Vision.—The Vision came to me when I was at the Palace of Shushan, which is in the Province of Elam,—and it seemed in the Vision that I went to the river Auli, and lifting my eyes in 3 the vision I looked, and saw a Ram stand by the river with two horns; and the horns were upright, and one higher than the other. But the higher grew up last. I watched the Ram 4 pushing west, and north and southward. No animal could stand before him, and none could escape out of his power, but he did as he pleased, and became great.

"And I continued to look out, and 5 saw a He-Goat come from the west, above the surface of the earth, and not touching the ground, and the Goat had a strong horn between the eyes, 6 and he went at the Ram with the two horns that I saw standing by the river,

and rushed at him with furious force.

7 Thus I saw him approach close to the Ram; and he struck the Ram, and broke his two horns, for the Ram had no power to stand before him, so he flung him to the ground, and stamped on him, and the Ram had no escape from his power.

8 "Then the He-Goat became very great. But when at his full strength his great horn was broken, and instead

9 winds of the heaven, and from one of them came out a little Single Horn, which became splendidly great against the South, and against the East, and

10 against the SPLENDOUR. Then it exalted itself to fight with the Heavens! and threw down some of its Army,

11 and some of the Stars, and trod on them! It even stood up against the COMMANDER of THAT ARMY! and took from him the Perpetual Offering,

12 and threw down his Holy Dwelling! And an army was given to it against the PERPETUAL, for wrong-doing, and it threw down TRUTH to the ground;—yet it was active and prospered.

13 "Then I heard a Saint speak, and ask another Saint, 'Can you say for how long the Vision is, and the desolation of the Wicked is granted, during which the HOLY ARMY will be trodden down?'

14 "And he replied to him, 'For Two Thousand and three hundred evening-mornings, after which the Sanctuary will be Sanctified.'

15 "And while I, Daniel, looked at the Vision, and tried to understand it, I saw something like the appearance of a man stand before me, and I

16 heard a human voice near the Auli, and it called, and said, 'Gabriel! make this man understand the Appearance!'

17 "So he came to my side, but I was terrified at his approach, and fell on my face, when he said to me, 'Understand, Son of Adam, that the Vision is for a terminable period.'

18 "While he was speaking with me, I fell into a stupor with my face to the earth, but he approached and raised me, when I stood up, and he said to

19 me; 'I will inform you what will come in the future.—What will come at the appointed time.'

The Explanation of the Vision.

20 "The Ram that you saw possessing two horns are the kingdoms of Media

and Persia. And the He-Goat is the 21 kingdom of Ionia, and the Great Horn that was between his eyes is the first king. But he will be broken, 22 and four kingdoms will arise instead of him from the Nation;—but not with his vigour. And at the end of 23 those kingdoms, when the offences are expiated, a king of fierce expression and who understands policy will arise, with mighty power,—but 24 not his own power,—and be wonderfully corrupt, but prosper, and be energetic and destroy the mighty and Holy People. And his policy and 25 diplomacy will increase with his power, so that he will enlarge himself to his own mind, and destroy many by treachery.—Then he will stand up against the PRINCE of PRINCES,—and be broken without a hand!

"Be sure the Vision of the Evening-Morning that you were told is true; but shut up that Vision for it is far distant.'

"Then I, Daniel, fainted, and was 27 sick for days.—I afterwards arose and did the king's business. But I was astonished at the revelation, and could not understand it."

(538 B.C.) The Period of Restoration. and Daniel's Prayer for it.

"In the first year of Darius, son of 9 Khushrush, of the Median Race, who became King over the Empire of the Kasdim,—in the first year of his 2 reign, I, Daniel, ascertained from the records the years that the LORD had said to Jeremiah, the Preacher, should pass for the completion of the ruin of Jerusalem,—Seventy years. So I turned my face to seek 3 ALMIGHTY GOD, by prayer and supplication, with fasting and sackcloth, and ashes. I also prayed to 4 the LORD my GOD, and gave thanks and said,

Daniel's Prayer.

"O, LORD! the GREAT and terrible GOD! Who keeps the covenant with those who love Him, and keep His commands,—we have offended and 5 sinned, and revolted and turned from your instructions, and decrees! And we have not listened to your 6 servants the Preachers, who spoke in Your Name to our kings, princes, and fathers, and to all the People of the country. Righteousness is Yours, 7

ALMIGHTY! but to us shame of face, as at this day;—to the men of Judah, and the population of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, whether near or afar, in every country where they have fled, because of the sin they have sinned against You.

- 8 "ALMIGHTY! with us, our kings, our princes, and fathers, who sinned
9 against you, is shame of face! But with our ALMIGHTY GOD are pities and mercies, although we have
10 rebelled against Him, and have not listened to the voice of the LORD our God to walk in His paths that He prepared before us, by the means
11 of His servants the Preachers. And all Israel has transgressed Your laws, and gone away so as not to listen to Your voice! Consequently the curse has been poured upon us, and the threat that was written in the Law of Moses, the servant of GOD, because we sinned against Him.
12 And He has confirmed His words that He spoke against us, and against our Rulers, who governed us, that HE would bring upon us great sufferings such as were never heard of under all the heavens, and which
13 occurred at Jerusalem, as they had been written in the Laws of Moses,—all those sufferings have come upon us!—Yet we appeased not the face of the EVER-LIVING GOD, by turning from our sins and by comprehending
14 the truth. Consequently the EVER-LIVING watched for the suffering, and brought it upon us,—for the EVER-LIVING GOD is absolutely right in all the acts that He does.—but we do not listen to His voice.
15 "But now, ALMIGHTY GOD, who brought Your People from out of the land of the Mitzeraim with a strong hand, and made yourself renowned, as at this day,—we have offended!
16 We have done wrong! ALMIGHTY, although You are right in what You have done, turn away Your anger, and wrath, I pray, from Your city, Jerusalem,—Your Holy Hill,—because by our offences, and the sins of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your People are a reproach amongst all
17 around them. So now, listen, our GOD, to the prayer of Your servant, and to his entreaty, and let Your face shine upon Your desolate
18 Sanctuary. For my sake, LORD, incline your ear, my GOD, and hear,—open Your eyes and see the

desolations of the City upon which Your name was invoked,—because not for our righteousness do we let our entreaties fall before Your face, but because of Your many mercies.

"ALMIGHTY! listen! ALMIGHTY, 19 pardon! ALMIGHTY, hear, and act Delay not for Your own sake, my GOD, because Your Name was invoked over Your City and over Your People."

Then while I was speaking and 20 praying, and confessing my faults, and the faults of my People, Israel, and letting my entreaty fall before the LORD my GOD, on account of the Holy Hill of my GOD,—then, 21 while I was speaking and praying, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the previous Vision when exhausted, approached me, about the time of the evening offering, and, entering, spoke and said to me;—

Gabriel's Revelation on his Second Appearance.

"Daniel, I have come to teach you to understand. At the beginning of 22 your entreaty the command was issued, and I am come to say you 23 are highly honoured, so reflect upon the affair, and reflect upon the revelation.

"Seventy weeks are fixed upon 24 your People, and upon the Holy City, for all their revolts, and to expiate their offences, and to expiate their sin, and to bring forward Eternal righteousness, and to accomplish the Vision, and Prophecy, and the MESSIAH—the HOLIEST of the HOLY.

"So know, and comprehend;— 25 that from the issue of the order to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, until the MESSIAH arrives, is seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks.

"(It will be restored and built with streets and moat, in times of distress.)

"And after the sixty-two weeks, 26 the MESSIAH will be slain,—and none support Him.

"After that, the City, and the Sanctuary will be desolated by a Dominating People who are brought on.—But its end will be with a torrent, and its abolition by war. The desolations are fixed. But the 27 Covenant will be guarded by many for a week, and in the middle of the

week, He will make the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and the Loathsome Brute will desolate to the extreme;—but at last a wound will be given to the Desolators."

The Vision by the River Hidakel.

10 In the third year of Korush, King of Persia, a message was revealed to Daniel, who was appointed by name Prince of Bel, and the purport is true and very certain, so understand the matter that was explained to him by a revelation.

2 During those days I, Daniel, was in depression for a period of three weeks. I ate no pleasant food—and flesh, or wine, did not enter my mouth; nor did I lubricate myself until the completion of the three weeks period.

4 And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was on the banks of the Great River Hidakel, I raised my eyes, and looked, and saw a man clothed in trousers, and his waist

6 belted with gold of Aufaz. His body was like a Tharshish-gem, and his face like the gleam of lightning, and his eyes like lamps of fire; and his arms and legs like the glitter of bright brass, and the sound of his speech like the sound of a crowd.

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the Appearance,—for the persons who were with me did not see the Appearance,—but a great faintness fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves, and I was left alone. So I watched this

8 great Appearance, although there was no strength left in me, and my energy was destroyed, and I retained

9 no power. Yet I heard the sound of his words, but when I heard the sound of his words, I was laid on my face in a stupor with my face to the

10 earth. But I perceived a hand approach me, and I staggered on to my knees and the palms of my hands.

11 Then he said to me, "Daniel, you fully accepted man, attend to the words which I speak to you, and stand upon your feet, for I have now been sent to you."

12 When he spoke this speech to me I stood up trembling. And he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you gave your heart to examine and humble yourself before your GOD, your words were heard;—so I have come to speak

13 with you. But the Prince of the

Kingdom of Persia stood opposing me for twenty-one days, but Mikal one of the First Princes, came and helped me, and I was relieved then from the restraint of the governors of Persia, and I have come to inform 14 you of what will happen to your own People in future times;—because the Vision is yet at a distance."

And as he spoke these words to 15 me, I hung my face to the earth, and was silent. But I saw whilst silent 16 a man touch my lips, when I opened my mouth and spoke, and said to the Stander before me, "Sir, by this Appearance, my anguish has returned upon me and my strength has failed! So how can your servant 17 talk with you, sir, when I have now no strength to stand by myself, and I have no breath left in me?"

Then one with the appearance of a 18 man touched me again, and said, 19 "Fear not, you chosen man! Peace to you! Be bold! be bold!" And when he spoke with me I was encouraged, and replied, "Let my lord speak, for I am reassured."

The Revelation of the Future.

Then he said, "I will teach you 20 what will come to you.—But now I must return to fight with the Prince of Persia;—and when I am gone, you will see the Prince of I'on come. However I will inform you of the 21 record in the book of Truth—for there is no one who helps me about these things, except Mikal your Prince, and I stood up in the first 11 year of Dariush, the Mede, to encourage and strengthen him.

"But now I will inform you of the 2 fact. There will yet be three kings stand up in Persia, and a fourth, rich, far richer than all of them, and he will embolden himself in his wealth. The whole will excite the Kingdom of I'on. Then a powerful king will 3 arise, and rule with great dominance, and do as he desires. But as he stands his Empire will be shattered, 4 and divided to the four winds of the heavens, but not for his posterity, and not like the Dominion that he ruled, for his Empire will be uprooted for others than his own. And 5 the King of the South, who was one of his Generals, will be strong, and bolder than he, and rule with a wide dominion made from his Empire. But at the conclusion of the years 6

they will associate, and the daughter of the king of the South will be brought to the king of the North, to make rectifications. But she will not retain the strength of her arm, and his arm will not continue; but she will be betrayed, with her attendants and her parent, and her supporter in those times.

- 7 "But a shoot from her roots will stand in his position and go against the army, and come to the fortress of the king of the North, and assail and
- 8 seize; and also carry off captive their Gods with their Princes, and beautiful furniture of silver and gold, into the Mitzeraim and he will endure more years than the king of the North,
- 9 who will advance to the dominions of the king of the South,—but return
- 10 to his own country, and vigorously exert himself, and collect a numerous army, and advance and flood, and pass onwards, and arouse himself to
- 11 his full strength. But the king of the South will be furious, and advance and fight with him,—with the king of the North,—who had arranged the numerous host, but the crowd will
- 12 be given into his power, and the crowd will be carried away.—Then his spirit will be exalted, and he will defeat numbers,—but not suc-
- 13 ceed, for the king of the North will return, and array a greater number than the former, and at the end of periods of years will advance with a great army and numerous
- 14 cavalry. And at the same time many will arise against the king of the South;—and the fierce fellows of your People will rise up to accomplish this Vision,—but will fail!
- 15 "Then the king of the North will come and pile up an Embankment, and capture the fortified Cities and the arms of the South, for his choice army will not be able to stand, and
- 16 none have power to resist; but the assailant will do as he desires to him, for none can stand before him, but he will establish himself with destruction in his hand, in the glorious land, and turn his face to advance with all
- 17 the power of his Empire, and his squadrons with him, and succeed. But a daughter of women will be given to him to destroy him, but she will not attain, or come to him.
- 18 "Then he will set his face to the Coasts, and capture many. But a prince will stop his incursions,—

indeed he will turn his insolence on himself, when he will return to the 19 Capital of his own country, and stumble and fall, and not be found.

"There will then succeed to his 20 office an imposer of taxes upon the honour of the Empire, but in a few days he will be destroyed, yet neither in anger nor war. When a mean fellow 21 will succeed to his Office, to whom they will not confer the honour of the Empire, but he will come in by briberies, and obtain the Empire by intrigue; and with force of a flood they will be 22 overwhelmed and broken before him, and also the princely treaty; and he 23 will work for himself by crafty negotiations, and advance and strengthen himself by a few people, and by peace 24 he will bring his government to prosperity, and do what neither his fathers, nor his father's fathers have done, by that, and distribute wealth and prosperity in it, and his policy will be against physical force for a period.

"But when he is strong and hearty 25 he will assail the king of the South with a great army; and the king of the South will contend in the war with a very great force, but will not succeed, for he will contrive plots against him, and those in his own 26 pay will destroy him, and his army will be overwhelmed, and many fall wounded.

"And the intention of the two 27 kings will be to do mischief, and they will talk lies at one table,—but not succeed,—for the appointed end is at its period.—But he will return 28 towards his own country with great wealth, when his heart will assail the Holy Covenant, and effect his purpose and return to his own country.

"After a period he will come again, 29 and advance to the South, but he will not meet with success as he did formerly, for the ships of the Kathim 30 will come and assail him, so he will retreat, and be furious and work against the Holy Covenant.

"Then he will turn and favour those who abandon the Holy Covenant. And arms will succeed with him, and 31 he will defile the Sanctuary of the Capital, and they will abolish the Perpetual Sacrifice, and establish the Desolating Brute. Then the re- 32 voltors from the Covenant will apostatize to defilements:—but the

33 People who acknowledge GOD, will be bold, and act. But the seducers of the People who control the Many, will perish by the sword, by flame, and in captivity, and by slaughter for a period. But in their fall they will be helped with some assistance, and many will be joined to them by policy. And some of the teachers will fall to refine them, and purify and beautify them for the appointed time,—for the period is future;—

34 therefore the king will effect his object and exalt himself, and enlarge himself like a god, and against the GOD of GODS, uttering astonishing things. Yet he will prosper until his insolence is complete,—for what is decreed will be done. And he will neither reverence the God of his fathers, nor care for the delight of women, or care for any God, for he will exalt himself above all.

35 “But in his place he will honour the GOD OF FORCE! And to that God, whom his ancestors did not acknowledge, he will pay honour with gold and silver, and precious stones, and luxuries, and make strong fortresses to the strange God whom he admires. He will extend his glory, govern many, and allot the land for sale.

36 “But at the end of the period the King of the South will contend with him, and the North will rush against him with chariots and cavalry, and many ships, and advance to his territories, and flood and overflow, and arrive at the Glorious Land, where many will fall; but these will escape his hand,—Edom and Moab, and the Capital of the Beni-Amon. But he will extend his hand to the territories, and the land of the Mitzeraim will not be a refuge for them; for he will control her treasures of gold and silver, and all the luxuries of the Mitzeraim, and Lubim, and Kushim, will be at his feet;—when reports from the East and the North will disturb him, and he will proceed in great fury to destroy and devote many, and pitch his palatial tent between the seas, on the Glorious Holy Hill,—then go to his reaping—and none can save him.

37 “And at that period, Mikal, the Great Prince, who defends the children of your People, will stand up,

and a period of distress will come, such as has not come from the existence of the Nation to that period, but in that period your People shall escape.—All who are written in the Book of Record.—And many sleeping in the dust of the earth will awaken. Some to Everlasting Life;—and some to Everlasting shame and contempt. But the Teachers will shine like Lights in space; and those who have led many to Righteousness, like Stars for ever and ever! So you, Daniel, conceal the events, and seal the record, until the fixed period, when many will travel and knowledge will be increased.”

The Vision of the Two Sentinels.

I, Daniel looked again, and saw two Sentinels stand, one on this bank of the River, and the other on that bank of the River, and the man who was clothed in trousers, who was upon the waters of the river, asked, “How long is it to the end of these wonders?”

Then I listened to the man clothed in trousers, who was on the waters of the river, as he held up his right and left hands to the heavens, and swore by the ETERNAL LIFE, “That in a Period, and a Period, and a Half;—and when they have completely broken to pieces the power of the Holy People, all these would be accomplished.”

I heard but did not understand,—so I asked, “My Lord, what will come after this?”

But he replied, “Go away, Daniel, because that is hidden and sealed until the fixed time. Many will purify, and cleanse, and refine themselves. But the rebellious will be wicked, and none of the wicked will understand; but the Teachers will understand. And from the Period when the perpetual Sacrifice is taken away, and the DESOLATING BRUTE is set up, there will be One Thousand, two hundred, and ninety days. Happy will be the Hopeful, who attain to the Thousand, Three hundred, and Thirty-five days!—But, you, go until the Period:—for you shall rest, and stand in your place, at the end of the times.”