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THE HIGHEST TALENTS TO THE NOBLEST PURPOSES,
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IS MOST FITLY AND RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,

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P R E F A C E.

WHOEVER has been convinced that those mighty revolutions, which carried ancient empire from State to State, were not the blind effects of ungoverned accident, might be expected to admit, without dispute, that the “Most High” still “ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.” And those who can trace the fulfilment of sacred prophecy, even to the sad truth of the letter, in the melancholy desolations of Babylon, and Tyre, and Jerusalem, might be fairly supposed to allow as something more than vague and allegorical uncertainties those dictates of the same inspiration, which foretell apostacy and judgment in the latter times.

There are nevertheless many who, while they confess that the overthrow of Pharaoh, and the expulsion of the nations of Canaan by the Jews, were examples of the just vengeance of Almighty

God, will yet ascribe to the secondary causes of political sagacity, or imprudent generalship, whatever victory or defeat occurs in modern times. Nor are there wanting men, who, though they contend for the minute and literal fulfilment of prophetic inspiration in the history of the great Dominions of the world, so far down as Pagan Rome, will not the less zealously maintain, that thence downward all prophecy is to be understood of the spiritual and unseen world. Even now, when “the hearts of men are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth,”—when the dark forebodings of judgment rise in thickening gloom over Christendom,—when every State feels in its own feverish agitation the sympathetic echo to the rumours of war which reach it from every other;—nay, when the events of the day so fulfil the predictions, that they are described by the politician in language unwittingly borrowed from the page of the Seer, and the burdens of judgment have become “familiar in our mouths as household words;” still there are few even of those “who profess and call themselves Christians,” who are willing to “take heed” to that “more sure word of prophecy, which shineth as a light in” this “dark place.”

It was not so among the early disciples of Christianity, though they lived before the manifestation of that Man of Sin, whose term of blasphemy and usurpation they knew must pass away ere their hopes could be fully realized; yet with what care they “searched into the book of the Lord and read,” comparing the course of the world’s experience with the declarations of Scripture, is known to all who are conversant with their writings; and their testimony is not less unequivocal concerning their certain hope, that those prophecies into which they delighted to inquire, would to the very latest be fulfilled according to the letter—“that none of them should fail, not one want her mate.”

Nor was this careful attention to prophecy, and to the glorious hope which it holds out of a redeemed and happy earth, suppressed until the gradual rise of the Papal Superstition created those illusive glosses, which still obscure the simple meaning of Scripture. That formidable power, which seated itself “in the temple of God,” in attempting “to magnify itself above all that is called God,” forbade that the Scriptures which testify of the coming of Christ, and the previous appearance of Anti-

christ, should be understood in their literal significations, and attempted to explain them away, by that so called spiritual interpretation, which even among Protestants finds now so many advocates. But when that darkness was overpowered by the fair and holy light of the Reformation, which fore-shadowed, by no insignificant emblem, the coming resurrection from the power of death, the children of that light returned to the early faith and hope of the Church. Their writings show, that they lived and laboured in the constant hope of the coming of the Great God and their Saviour to take the glory and dominion into his own visible administration ; and many of the tablets which mark their places of sepulture, testify that their last hours were cheered by the same glad expectation.

These examples of the early and latter watchfulness of the church, undoubtedly reprove our carelessness, who live so much nearer the “time of the end.” Surely, if while the facts and miracles of Christianity were yet young in the memory of their witnesses ; if when the glory of the ascension had scarcely faded from the Mount of Olives ; the beholders were looking for and hasting unto the day, when the *same*

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*Jesus, who had been taken up from them into heaven, should so come in like manner as they had seen him go into heaven;** much more ought we to look eagerly forward to the coming of the bridegroom, now when the confusion and peril of the times so loudly proclaim his near approach.†

Yet, it is in these last times that Christians have become unwilling to hear of the speedy restitution of all things. The expectant virgins‡ have been watchful until now, when midnight has cast the pall of its drowsy gloom over their place of uneasy slumber, and by its very darkness, announces the quick-coming dawn. Here, indeed, and there, may be heard the little regarded voice, “ Watch and pray, for ye know not the hour.” But while “ the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.”‡ In such a state of things, it is obviously the duty of all Christians to use every endeavour to uphold the “ faith once delivered to the saints.” And it seems to me, that this cannot be better done than by calling the attention of men to the writings of those who have instructed the

* Acts i. 11.

† Matt. xxiv.

‡ Matt. xxv. 1. et. seq.

Church in former days upon these important matters.

Amongst those who, in the age immediately preceding our own, sought in the history of the world for the interpretation of gradually accomplishing prophecies,—the author, whose observations upon the prophecies of Daniel I have thus republished, holds a conspicuous place. He brought to the study of Holy Scripture a mind accomplished in the highest degree with every variety of human knowledge, yet in the meekness and docility of a little child, knowing well that a higher wisdom than man's was to be found there.

And here it may not be unprofitable to remark, that though men of shallow understanding, who have happened to look with an uncomprehending gaze on some of the out-posts of knowledge, are fain to have it believed, that philosophy leads men away from belief in revealed religion into the barren wastes of rationalism and infidelity; yet the remark of Lord Bacon, that “a little philosophy may make a man an infidel, but a great deal will make him a Christian,” has been verified by many bright examples besides his own; and to

this the lives and writings of Lord Napier and Sir Isaac Newton bear ample testimony.

Of the work here offered to the public, it is a sufficient commendation thus generally to have noticed the importance of the subject, and the great ability of the author; and concerning the present publication, it is only necessary to state, that the text is carefully copied without the least variation from the original edition of Dr. Smith, and that a few explanatory notes, together with translations of the passages cited from Latin Authors, are added, in order to make the work intelligible to unlettered readers. I have to add this record of my thanks to my friend Mr. Arthur Tatham, of Magdalene College, for his kindness in comparing many of the quotations with the originals, which, as they are cited in Smith's edition, are very obscure.

In conclusion. It has often been remarked by those who object to the doctrines here advocated, that every man may find fanciful applications enow of prophecy in any age, and that those who seek for the fulfilment of sacred predictions in the events of the day are continually declaring, that all prophecy is being fulfilled in their own times. Now, it is unfor-

tunate for this objection, that Sir Isaac Newton, in his Preface to his Remarks on the Revelation, expressly states, that “ ’Tis a part of this prophecy that it should not be understood before the last age of the world; and, therefore, it makes for the credit of the prophecy, that it is not yet understood.” But, as in that discourse the illustrious Author himself accounts for such deficiencies as his work on prophecy must possess, from the fact of that “ Revolution in Europe,” which formed, as it were, the key-stone of prophetic fulfilment, not then having happened, I prefer transcribing his remarks at length, to offering any criticisms of my own.

“ Having determined the time of writing the Apocalypse, I need not say much about the truth of it, since it was in such request with the first ages, that many endeavoured to imitate it, by feigning Apocalypses under the Apostles’ names; and the Apostles themselves, as I have just now shewed, studied it, and used its phrases; by which means the style of the Epistle to the Hebrews became more mystical than that of Paul’s other Epistles, and the style of John’s Gospel more figurative and majestic than that of the other Gospels. I do not ap-



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instance to the contrary. Papias, Bishop of Hierapolis, a man of the Apostolic age, and one of John's own disciples, did not only teach the doctrine of the thousand years, but also* asserted the Apocalypse as written by divine inspiration. Melito, who flourished next after Justin,† wrote a commentary upon this prophecy; and he, being Bishop of Sardis one of the seven Churches, could neither be ignorant of their tradition about it, nor impose upon them. Irenæus, who was contemporary with Melito, wrote much upon it, and said, that 'the number 666 was in all the ancient and approved copies; and that he had it also confirmed to him by those who had seen John face to face,' meaning no doubt his master Polycarp for one. At the same time‡ Theophilus, Bishop of Antioch, asserted it, and so did Tertullian, Clemens Alexandrinus, and Origen soon after; and their contemporary, Hippolytus the Martyr, Metropolitan of the Arabians,§ wrote a commentary upon it. All these were ancient men, flourishing within a hundred and twenty years after John's death,

* Arethas in Proæm. comment. in Apoc.

† Euseb. Hist. l. 4. cap. 26. Hieron.

‡ Euseb. Hist. l. 4. c. 24.

§ Hieron.

and of greatest note in the churches of those times. Soon after did Victorinus Pictaviensis write another commentary upon it; and he lived in the time of Dioclesian. This may surely suffice to show how the Apocalypse was received and studied in the first ages: and I do not indeed find any other book of the New Testament so strongly attested, or commented upon so early as this. The prophecy said: 'Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep the things which are written therein.' This animated the first Christians to study it so much, till the difficulty made them remit, and comment more upon the other books of the New Testament. This was the state of the Apocalypse, till the thousand years being misunderstood, brought a prejudice against it: and Dionysius of Alexandria, noting how it abounded with barbarisms, that is, with Hebraisms, promoted that prejudice so far, as to cause many Greeks in the fourth century to doubt of the book. But whilst the Latins, and a great part of the Greeks, always retained the Apocalypse, and the rest doubted only out of prejudice, it makes nothing against its authority.

“ This prophecy is called the Revelation, with respect to *the Scripture of truth*, which Daniel was commanded to *shut up and seal, till the time of the end.** Daniel sealed it *until the time of the end*; and until that time comes, the Lamb is opening the seals: and afterwards the two witnesses prophecy out of it a long time in sack-cloth, before they ascend up to heaven in a cloud. All which is as much as to say, that these prophecies of Daniel and John should not be understood till the time of the end: but then some should prophecy out of them in an afflicted and mournful state for a long time, and that but darkly, so as to convert but few. But in the very end, the prophecy should be so far interpreted as to convince many. ‘ Then,’ saith Daniel, ‘ many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.’ For the Gospel must be preached in all nations before the great tribulation, and end of the world. The palm-bearing multitude, which come out of this great tribulation, cannot be innumerable out of all nations, unless they be made so by the preaching of the Gospel before it comes. There must

* Dan. x. 21; xii. 4. 9.

be a stone cut out of a mountain without hands, before it can fall upon the toes of the image, and become a great mountain, and fill the earth. An angel must fly through the midst of heaven with the everlasting Gospel to preach to all nations, before Babylon falls, and the Son of Man reaps his harvest. The two Prophets must ascend up to heaven in a cloud, before the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Christ. It is therefore a part of this prophecy, that it should not be understood before the last age of the world; and therefore it makes for the credit of the prophecy, that it is not yet understood. But if the last age, the age of opening these things, be now approaching, as by the great successes of late interpreters it seems to be, we have more encouragement than ever to look into these things. If the general preaching of the Gospel be approaching, it is to us and our posterity that those words mainly belong: 'In the time of the end the wise shall understand, but none of the wicked shall understand.* Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.' †

* Dan. xii. 4. 10.

† Apoc. i. 3.

“The folly of interpreters has been, to foretel times and things by this prophecy, as if God designed to make them Prophets. By this rashness they have not only exposed themselves, but brought the prophecy also into contempt. The design of God was much otherwise. He gave this and the prophecies of the Old Testament, not to gratify men’s curiosities by enabling them to foreknow things, but that after they were fulfilled they might be interpreted by the event, and his own Providence, not the interpreters, be then manifested thereby to the world. For the event of things predicted many ages before, will then be a convincing argument that the world is governed by providence. For as the few and obscure prophecies concerning Christ’s first coming were for setting up the Christian religion, which all nations have since corrupted; so the many and clear prophecies concerning the things to be done at Christ’s second coming, are not only for predicting, but also for effecting a recovery and re-establishment of the long-lost truth, and setting up a kingdom wherein dwells righteousness. The event will prove the Apocalypse; and this prophecy, thus proved and understood, will open the old Prophets, and all

together will make known the true religion, and establish it. For he, that will understand the old Prophets, must begin with this; but the time is not yet come for understanding them perfectly, because the main revolution predicted in them is not yet come to pass. ‘ In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the Prophets: and then the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ, and he shall reign for ever,’ Apoc. x. 7; xi. 15. There is already so much of the prophecy fulfilled, that as many as will take pains in this study, may see sufficient instances of God’s providence: but then the signal revolutions predicted by all the holy Prophets, will at once both turn men’s eyes upon considering the predictions, and plainly interpret them. Till then we must content ourselves with interpreting what hath been already fulfilled.

“ Amongst the interpreters of the last age there is scarce one of note who hath not made some discovery worth knowing; and thence I seem to gather that God is about opening these

mysteries. The success of others put me upon considering it; and if I have done any thing which may be useful to following writers, I have my design.”

CAMBRIDGE,
November 29, 1830.



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ship of their own gods ; and by persevering in what they had been taught, they preserved this book of their law in the original character of the Hebrews, while the two tribes, after their return from Babylon, changed the character to that of the Chaldees, which they had learned at Babylon.*

And since the Pentateuch was received as the book of the law, both by the two tribes and by the ten tribes, it follows that they received it before they became divided into two kingdoms. For after the division, they received not laws from one another, but continued at variance. Judah could not reclaim Israel from the sin of Jeroboam, and Israel could not bring Judah to it. The Pentateuch, therefore, was the book of the law in the days of David and Solomon. The affairs of the Tabernacle and Temple were ordered by David and Solomon, according to the law of this book ; and David in the 78th Psalm, admonishing the people to give ear to the Law of God, means the law of this book. For, in describing how their forefathers kept it not, he quotes many historical things out of the books of Exodus and Numbers.

The race of the kings of Edom, before there reigned any king over Israel, is set down in the book of Genesis ; † and therefore that book was

* 2 Kings xvii. 34. 41.

† Gen. xxxvi. 31.

not written entirely in the form now extant, before the reign of Saul. The writer set down the race of those kings till his own time, and therefore wrote before David conquered Edom. The Pentateuch is composed of the law and the history of God's people together; and the history hath been collected from several books, such as were the history of the creation composed by Moses, Gen. ii. 4. the book of the generations of Adam, Gen. v. i. and the book of the wars of the Lord, Num. xxi. 14. This book of wars contained what was done at the Red Sea, and in the journeying of Israel through the wilderness, and therefore was begun by Moses. And Joshua might carry it on to the conquest of Canaan. For Joshua wrote some things in the book of the Law of God, Josh. xxiv. 26. and therefore might write his own wars in the book of wars, those being the principal wars of God. These were public books, and therefore not written without the authority of Moses and Joshua. And Samuel had leisure, in the reign of Saul, to put them into the form of the books of Moses and Joshua now extant, inserting into the book of Genesis, the race of the kings of Edom, until there reigned a king in Israel.

The book of the Judges is a continued history of the Judges, down to the death of Sampson, and therefore was compiled after his death, out

of the Acts of the Judges. Several things in this book are said to be done “*when there was no king in Israel,*” Judges xvii. 6., xviii. 1. xix. 1. xxi. 25. and therefore this book was written after the beginning of the reign of Saul. When it was written, the Jebusites dwelt in Jerusalem, Judg. i. 21. and therefore it was written before the eighth year of David, 2 Sam. v. 8. and 1 Chron. xi. 6. The books of Moses, Joshua, and Judges, contain one continued history, down from the creation to the death of Sampson. Where the Pentateuch ends, the book of Joshua begins; and where the book of Joshua ends, the book of Judges begins. Therefore all these books have been composed out of the writings of Moses, Joshua, and other records, by one and the same hand, after the beginning of the reign of Saul, and before the eighth year of David. And Samuel was a sacred writer, 1 Sam. x. 25. acquainted with the history of Moses and the Judges, 1 Sam. xii. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. and had leisure in the reign of Saul, and sufficient authority to compose these books. He was a prophet, and judged Israel all the days of his life, and was in the greatest esteem with the people; and the law by which he was to judge the people was not to be published by less authority than his own, the law-maker being not inferior to the judge. And the book of Jasher, which is quoted in the

book of Joshua, Josh. x. 13. was in being at the death of Saul, 2 Sam. i. 18.

At the dedication of the temple of Solomon, when the ark was brought into the most holy place, there was nothing in it but the two tables, 1 Kings viii. 9. and therefore when the Philistines took the ark, they took out of it the book of the law, and the golden pot of manna, and Aaron's rod. And this and other losses in the desolation of Israel, by the conquering Philistines, might give occasion to Samuel, after some respite from those enemies, to recollect the scattered writings of Moses and Joshua, and the records of the Patriarchs and Judges, and compose them in the form now extant.

The book of Ruth is a history of things done in the days of the Judges, and may be looked upon as an addition to the book of the Judges, written by the same author, and at the same time. For it was written after the birth of David, Ruth iv. 17. 22. and not long after, because the history of Boaz and Ruth, the great grandfather and great grandmother of David, and that of their contemporaries, could not well be remembered above two or three generations. And since this book derives the genealogy of David from Boaz and Ruth, and omits David's elder brothers and his sons; it was written in honour of David, after he was anointed king by

Samuel, and before he had children in Hebron, and by consequence in the reign of Saul. It proceeds not to the history of David, and therefore seems to have been written presently after he was anointed. They judge well, therefore, who ascribe to Samuel the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth.

Samuel is also reputed the author of the first book of Samuel, till the time of his death. The two books of Samuel cite no authors, and therefore seem to be originals. They begin with his genealogy, birth and education, and might be written partly in his life-time by himself, or his disciples the prophets at Naioth in Ramah, 1 Sam. xix. 18, 19, 20. and partly after his death by the same disciples.

The books of the Kings cite other authors, as the book of the acts of Solomon, the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel, and the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah. The books of the Chronicles cite the book of Samuel the seer, the book of Nathan the prophet, and the book of Gad the seer, for the acts of David; the book of Nathan the prophet, the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and the visions of Iddo the seer, for the acts of Solomon; the book of Shemajah the prophet, and the book of Iddo the seer, concerning genealogies, for the acts of Rehoboam and Abijah; the book of the kings of Judah and Israel for the

acts of Asa, Joash, Amaziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, and Josiah; the book of Hanani the seer, for the acts of Jehosaphat; and the visions of Isaiah, for the acts of Uzziah and Hezekiah. These books were, therefore, collected out of the historical writings of the ancient seers and prophets. And because the books of the Kings and Chronicles quote one another, they were written at one and the same time. And this time was after the return from the Babylonian captivity, because they bring down the history of Judah, and the genealogies of the kings of Judah, and of the High Priests, to that captivity. The book of Ezra was originally a part of the book of the Chronicles, and has been divided from it. For it begins with the two last verses of the books of Chronicles, and the first book of Esdras begins with the two last chapters thereof. Ezra was therefore the compiler of the books of kings and Chronicles, and brought down the history to his own time. He was a ready scribe in the law of God; and for assisting him in this work Nehemias founded a library, and “gathered together the acts of the kings and the prophets, and of David, and the epistles of the kings concerning the holy gifts,” 2 Maccab. .ii. 13. By the acts of David I understand here the two books of Samuel, or at least the second book. Out of the acts of the kings, written from time to time by the prophets,

he composed the books of the kings of Judah and Israel, the Chronicles of the kings of Judah, and the Chronicles of the kings of Israel. And in doing this he joined those acts together, in due order of time, copying the very words of the authors, as is manifest from hence, that the books of the Kings and Chronicles frequently agree with one another in words for many sentences together. Where they agree in sense, there they agree in words also.

So the prophecies of Isaiah, written at several times, he has collected into one body. And the like he did for those of Jeremiah, and the rest of the prophets, down to the days of the second temple. The book of Jonah is the history of Jonah written by another hand. The book of Daniel is a collection of papers written at several times. The six last chapters contain prophecies written at several times by Daniel himself: the six first are a collection of historical papers written by others. The fourth chapter is a decree of Nebuchadnezzar. The first chapter was written after Daniel's death: for the author saith, that Daniel continued to the first year of Cyrus; that is, to his first year over the Persians and Medes, and third year over Babylon. And, for the same reason, the fifth and sixth chapters were also written after his death. For they end with these words: *So this Daniel prospered in*



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in their Talmud ; and for preserving their scriptures, agreed upon an edition, and pointed it, and counted the letters of every sort in every book : and by preserving only this edition, the ancients various lections, except what can be discovered by means of the Septuagint version, are now lost ; and such marginal notes, or other corruptions, as by the errors of the transcribers, before this edition was made, had crept into the text, are now scarce to be corrected.

The Jews, before the Roman captivity, distinguished the sacred books into the law, the prophets, and the Hagiographa, or holy writings ; and read only the law and the prophets in their synagogues. And Christ and his apostles laid the stress of religion upon the law and the prophets, Matt. vii. 12. xxii. 4. Luke xvi. 16, 29. 31. xxiv. 44. Acts xxiv. 14. xxvi. 22. Rom. iii. 21. By the Hagiographa they meant the historical books called Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, the book of Job, the Psalms, the books of Solomon, and the Lamentations. The Samaritans read only the Pentateuch : and when Jehosaphat sent men to teach in the cities, they had with them only the book of the law ; for the prophecies now extant were not then written. And upon the return from the Babylonian captivity, Ezra read only the book of the law to the people, from morning to noon, on

the first day of the seventh month ; and from day to day in the feast of tabernacles : for he had not yet collected the writings of the prophets into the volume now extant ; but instituted the reading of them after the collection was made. By reading the law and the prophets in the synagogues, those books have been kept freer from corruption than the Hagiographa.

In the infancy of the nation of Israel, when God had given them a law, and made a covenant with them to be their God if they would keep his commandments, he sent prophets to reclaim them, as often as they revolted to the worship of other gods : and upon their returning to him, they sometimes renewed the covenant which they had broken. These prophets he continued to send till the days of Ezra : but after their prophecies were read in the synagogues, those prophecies were thought sufficient. For if the people would not hear Moses and the old prophets, they would hear no new ones, no not *though they should rise from the dead*. At length, when a new truth was to be preached to the Gentiles, namely, *that Jesus was the Christ*, God sent new prophets and teachers : but after their writings were also received and read in the synagogues of the Christians, prophecy ceased a second time. We have Moses, the prophets, and apostles, and the words of Christ himself ; and if we will not hear them,

we shall be more inexcusable than the Jews. For the prophets and apostles have foretold, that as Israel often revolted and brake the covenant, and upon repentance renewed it; so there should be a falling away among the Christians, soon after the days of the Apostles; and that in the latter days God would destroy the impenitent revolters, and make a new covenant* with his people. And the giving ear to the prophets is a fundamental character of the true church.† For God has so ordered the prophe-

* The *new covenant* here alluded to, is that of which Jeremiah prophesies, chap. xxxi. 31, and to which St. Paul refers in the epistle to the Hebrews, chap. viii. 8. Inasmuch as those who live under it, “*shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all shall know him, from the least of them unto the greatest of them,*” it cannot be established before the time of the restitution of all things, when the kingdom shall be the Lord’s: and for this reason, “*the impenitent revolters,*” of whom Sir I. speaks, cannot be the Jews who were destroyed with Jerusalem by the Romans; but must include all who, falling into the antichristian apostacy, constitute “*that WICKED whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and destroy with the brightness of his coming.*” On this subject, see a very able article in No. 2, of “*The Morning Watch,*” signed M.

† In his work on “*The Mystery of Iniquity,*” the learned Dr. Henry More has clearly proved, that the spirit of Anti-christ is not necessarily confined to the form or place of his external manifestation. The character of the “*man of sin,*” is that “*sitting in the temple of God, he exalts himself above all that is called God;*” and whosoever opposes the authority of man to the testimony of Jesus, unquestionably partakes of this presumptuous spirit; yet the “*testimony of Jesus,*” is the spirit of prophecy.” Rev. xix. 10. Whether there be any

cies, that in the latter days “ *the wise may understand, but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand,*” Dan. xii. 9, 10. The authority of emperors, kings, and princes, is human. The authority of councils, synods, bishops, and presbyters, is human. The authority of the prophets is divine, and comprehends the sum of religion, reckoning Moses and the Apostles among the prophets ; and *if an angel from heaven preach any other gospel, than what they have delivered, let him be accursed.* Their writings contain the covenant between God and his people, with instructions for keeping this covenant ; instances of God’s judgments upon them that break it : and predictions of things to come. While the people of God keep the covenant, they continue to be his people : when they break it they cease to be his people or church, and become *the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not.* And no power on earth is authorized to alter this covenant.

The predictions of things to come relate to the state of the church in all ages : and amongst the old prophets, Daniel is most distinct in order of time, and easiest to be understood : and therefore in those things which relate to the last times, he must be made the key to the rest.

manifestation of this apostacy in the modern aversion to the study of prophecy, I leave the reader to judge. It ill accords with the opinion of our author, that “ the giving ear to the prophets is the *fundamental character* of the true church.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE PROPHETIC LANGUAGE.

FOR understanding the prophecies, we are, in the first place, to acquaint ourselves with the figurative language of the prophets. This language is taken from the analogy between the world natural, and an empire or kingdom considered as a world politic.

Accordingly, the whole world natural, consisting of heaven and earth, signifies the whole world politic, consisting of thrones and people, or so much of it as is considered in the prophecy : and the things in that world signify the analogons things in this.* For the heavens, and the things therein, signify thrones and dignities, and those who enjoy them ; and the earth, with the

* It is necessary for the reader to bear in mind that these explanations of terms refer to *symbolical language only*. When the prophecy foretells an event in plain terms, and without allegory, as in Daniel xii. or Matth. xxiv., the words heavens, earth, &c. are to be understood in their ordinary meaning. In such passages as the seventh of Daniel, where we have four beasts representing four kings ; or the second of the same book, where we have a great image representing the same four powers, or indeed in any prophecy given by means of symbols, the rules given in this chapter will be found very valuable.

things thereon, the inferior people; and the lowest parts of the earth, called *hades* or hell, the lowest or most miserable part of them. Whence ascending towards heaven, and descending to the earth, are put for rising and falling in power and honour: rising out of the earth, or waters, and falling into them, for the rising up to any dignity or dominion, out of the inferior state of the people, or falling down from the same into that inferior state; descending into the lower parts of the earth, for descending to a very low and unhappy estate; speaking with a faint voice out of the dust, for being in a weak and low condition; moving from one place to another, for translation from one office, dignity, or dominion, to another; great earthquakes, and the shaking of heaven and earth, for the shaking of kingdoms, so as to distract or overthrow them; the creating a new heaven and earth, and the passing away of an old one, or the beginning and end of the world, for the rise and ruin of the body politic signified thereby.

In the heavens, the sun and moon are, by interpreters of dreams, put for the persons of kings and queens; but in sacred prophecy, which regards not single persons, the sun is put for the whole species and race of kings, in the kingdom or kingdoms of the world politic, shining with regal power and glory; the moon for

the body of the common people,* considered as the king's wife ; the stars for subordinate princes and great men, or for bishops and rulers of the people of God, when the sun is Christ ; light for the glory, truth, and knowledge, wherewith great and good men shine and illuminate others ; darkness for obscurity of condition, and for error, blindness and ignorance ; darkening, smiting, or setting of the sun, moon, and stars, for the ceasing of a kingdom, or for the desolation thereof, proportional to the darkness ; darkening the sun, turning the moon into blood, and falling of the stars, for the same ; new moons, for the return of a dispersed people into a body politic or ecclesiastic.

Fire and meteors refer to both heaven and earth, and signify as follows ; burning any thing with fire, is put for the consuming thereof by war ; a conflagration of the earth, or turning a country into a lake of fire, for the consumption of a kingdom by war ; the being in a furnace, for the being in slavery under another nation ; the ascending up of the smoke of any burning thing for ever and ever, for the continuation of a conquered people under the misery of perpetual subjection and slavery ; the scorching heat of

* When the sun signifies the king, the moon is put for the common people, considered as the king's wife ; but when the sun means Christ, the moon is put for the church, considered as Christ's wife. See next sentence in the text.



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hiding of men in those dens and rocks, for the shutting up of idols in their temples ; houses and ships, for families, assemblies, and towns, in the earth and sea politic ; and a navy of ships of war, for an army of that kingdom that is signified by the sea.

Animals also and vegetables are put for the people of several regions and conditions ; and particularly, trees, herbs, and land animals, for the people of the earth politic : flags, reeds, and fishes, for those of the waters politic ; birds and insects, for those of the politic heaven and earth ; a forest for a kingdom ; and a wilderness for a desolate and thin people.

If the world politic, considered in prophecy, consists of many kingdoms, they are represented by as many parts of the world natural ; as the noblest by the celestial frame, and then the moon and clouds are put for the common people ; the less noble, by the earth, sea, and rivers, and by the animals or vegetables, or buildings therein ; and then the greater and more powerful animals and taller trees, are put for kings, princes, and nobles. And because the whole kingdom is the body politic of the king, therefore the sun, or a tree, or a beast, or bird, or a man, whereby the king is represented, is put in a large signification for the whole kingdom ; and several animals, as a lion, a bear, a leopard, a goat, according to their qualities, are put for

several kingdoms and bodies politic ; and sacrificing of beasts, for slaughtering and conquering of kingdoms ; and friendship between beasts, for peace between kingdoms. Yet sometimes vegetables and animals are, by certain epithets or circumstances, extended to other significations ; as a tree, when called the *tree of life* or *of knowledge* ; and a beast, when called *the old serpent*, or worshipped.

When a beast or man is put for a kingdom, his parts and qualities are put for the analogous parts and qualities of the kingdom ; as the head of a beast, for the great men who precede and govern ; the tail for the inferior people, who follow and are governed ; the heads, if more than one, for the number of capital parts, or dynasties, or dominions in the kingdom, whether collateral or successive, with respect to the civil government ; the horns on any head, for the number of kingdoms in that head, with respect to military power ; seeing for understanding, and the eyes for men of understanding and policy, and in matters of religion for *Ἐπισκοποι*, bishops ; speaking, for making laws ; the mouth, for a law-giver, whether civil or sacred ; the loudness of the voice, for might and power ; the faintness thereof, for weakness ; eating and drinking, for acquiring what is signified by the things eaten and drank ; the hairs of a beast, or man, and the feathers of a bird, for people ; the wings,

for the number of kingdoms represented by the beast ; the arm of a man, for his power, or for any people wherein his strength and power consists ; his feet, for the lowest of the people, or for the latter end of the kingdom ; the feet, nails, and teeth of beasts of prey, for armies and squadrons of armies ; the bones, for strength and for fortified places ; the flesh, for riches and possessions ; and the days of their acting, for years ; and when a tree is put for a kingdom, its branches, leaves, and fruit, signify as do the wings, feathers, and food of a bird or beast.

When a man is taken in a mystical sense, his qualities are often signified by his actions, and by the circumstances of things about him. So a ruler is signified by his riding on a beast ; a warrior and conqueror, by his having a sword and bow ; a potent man, by his gigantic stature ; a judge, by weights and measures ; a sentence of absolution, or condemnation, by a white or a black stone ; a new dignity, by a new name ; moral or civil qualifications, by garments ; honour and glory, by splendid apparel ; royal dignity, by purple or scarlet, or by a crown ; righteousness, by white and clean robes ; wickedness, by spotted and filthy garments ; affliction, mourning, and humiliation, by clothing in sackcloth ; dishonour, shame, and want of good works, by nakedness ; error and misery, by drinking a cup of his or her wine that causeth it ;

propagating any religion for gain, by exercising traffic and merchandize with that people whose religion it is ; worshipping or serving the false gods of any nation, by committing adultery with their princes, or by worshipping them ; a council of a kingdom, by its image ; idolatry, by blasphemy ; overthrow in war, by a wound of man or beast ; a durable plague of war, by a sore and pain ; the affliction or persecution which a people suffers in labouring to bring forth a new kingdom, by the pain of a woman in labour to bring forth a man-child ; the dissolution of a body politic or ecclesiastic, by the death of a man or beast ; and the revival of a dissolved dominion, by the resurrection of the dead.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE VISION OF THE IMAGE COMPOSED OF FOUR METALS.

THE prophecies of Daniel are all of them related to one another, as if they were but several parts of one general prophecy, given at several times. The first is the easiest to be understood, and every following prophecy adds something new to the former. The first was given in a dream to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, in the second year of his reign ; but the king forgetting his dream, it was given again to Daniel in a dream, and by him revealed to the king. And thereby, Daniel presently became famous for wisdom, and revealing of secrets : insomuch that Ezekiel his contemporary, in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar, spake thus of him to the king of Tyre : “ *Behold,*” saith he, “ *thou art wiser than DANIEL, there is no secret that they can hide from thee.*” Ezek. xxviii. 3. And the same Ezekiel, in another place, joins Daniel with Noah and Job, as most high in the favour of God, Ezek. xiv. 14, 16, 18, 20. And in the last year of Belshazzar, the queen-mother

said of him to the king : “ Behold there is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods ; and in the days of thy father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him ; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers : forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar.” Dan. v. 11, 12.

Daniel was in the greatest credit amongst the Jews, till the reign of the Roman Emperor Hadrian : and to reject his prophecies, is to reject the Christian religion.* For this religion is founded upon his prophecy concerning the Messiah.

Now in this vision of the image composed of four metals, the foundation of all Daniel’s prophecies is laid. It represents a body of four great nations, which should reign over the earth successively, viz. the people of Babylonia, the Persians, the Greeks, and the Romans. And by a stone cut out without hands, which fell upon the feet of the image, and brake all the

* It would have been well for the sceptical theologians of the German school, and for their less learned followers amongst ourselves, had they attended to this warning of Sir Isaac.

four metals to pieces, and *became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth*; it further represents that a new kingdom should arise, after the four, and conquer all those nations, and grow very great, and last to the end of all ages.

The head of the image was of gold, and signifies the nations of Babylonia, who reigned first, as Daniel himself interprets. *Thou art this head of gold*, saith he to Nebuchadnezzar. These nations reigned till Cyrus conquered Babylon, and within a few months after that conquest revolted to the Persians, and set them up above the Medes. The breast and arms of the image were of silver, and represent the Persians, who reigned next. The belly and thighs of the image were of brass, and represent the Greeks, who, under the dominion of Alexander the Great, conquered the Persians, and reigned next after them. The legs were of iron, and represent the Romans who reigned next after the Greeks, and began to conquer them in the eighth year of Antiochus Epiphanes. For in that year they conquered Perseus king of Macedon, the fundamental kingdom of the Greeks; and from thenceforward grew into a mighty empire, and reigned with great power till the days of Theodosius the Great. Then by the incursion of many northern nations, they brake into many smaller kingdoms, which are represented by the



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CHAPTER IV.

OF THE VISION OF THE FOUR BEASTS.

IN the next vision, which is of the four beasts, the prophecy of the four empires is repeated, with several new additions ; such as are the two wings of the lion, the three ribs in the mouth of the bear, the four wings and four heads of the leopard, the eleven horns of the fourth beast, and the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, to the Ancient of days sitting in judgment.

The first beast was like a lion, and had eagle's wings, to denote the kingdoms of Babylonia and Media, which overthrew the Assyrian empire, and divided it between them, and thereby became considerable, and grew into great empires. In the former prophecy, the empire of Babylonia was represented by the head of gold ; in this both empires are represented together by the two wings of the lion. " And I beheld," saith Daniel, " till the wings thereof were pluckt, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it ;"* that is, till it

* Chap. vii. 4.

was humbled and subdued, and made to know its human state.

The second beast was like a bear, and represents the empire which reigned next after the Babylonians, that is, the empire of the Persians. “Thy kingdom is divided, or broken,” saith Daniel to the last king of Babylon, “*and given to the Medes and Persians,*” Dan. v. 28. This beast *raised itself up on one side*: the Persians being under the Medes at the fall of Babylon, but presently rising up above them. *And it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it,** to signify the kingdoms of Sardes, Babylon, and Egypt, which were conquered by it, but did not belong to its proper body. And it devoured much flesh, the riches of those three kingdoms.

The third beast was the kingdom which succeeded the Persian; and this was the empire of the Greeks, Dan. viii. 6, 7, 20, 21. It was *like a leopard*, to signify its fierceness; and had four heads and four wings, to signify that it should become divided into four kingdoms, Dan. viii. 22; for it continued in a monarchical form during the reign of Alexander the Great, and his brother Aridæus, and young sons Alexander and Hercules; and then brake into four kingdoms, by the governors of provinces putting crowns on their own heads, and by mutual consent reigning

* Chap. vii. 5.

over their provinces. Cassander reigned over Macedon, Greece, and Epirus ; Lysimachus over Thrace and Bythinia ; Ptolemy over Egypt, Lybia, Arabia, Cœlosyria, and Palestine ; and Seleucus over Syria.

The fourth beast was the empire which succeeded that of the Greeks, and this was the Roman. This beast was exceeding dreadful and terrible, and had great iron teeth, and devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet ; and such was the Roman empire. It was larger, stronger, and more formidable and lasting than any of the former. It conquered the kingdom of Macedon, with Illyricum and Epirus, in the eighth year of Antiochus Epiphanes, anno Nabonass. 580 ; and inherited that of Pergamus, anno Nabonass. 615 ; and conquered that of Syria, anno Nabonass. 679, and that of Egypt, anno Nabonass. 718. And by these and other conquests it became greater and more terrible than any of the three former beasts. This empire continued in its greatness till the reign of Theodosius the Great ; and then brake into ten kingdoms, represented by the ten horns of this beast ; and continued in a broken form, till the Ancient of days sat in a throne like fiery flame, and “ the judgment was set, and the books were opened, and the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flames ; and one like the Son of Man came

with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days,"* and received dominion over all nations, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that they possessed the kingdom.

“ I beheld,” saith Daniel, “ till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flames. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away : yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.”† And therefore the four beasts are still alive, though the dominion of the three first be taken away. The nations of Chaldea and Assyria are still the first beast. Those of Media and Persia are still the second beast. Those of Macedon, Greece and Thrace, Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt, are still the third. And those of Europe, on this side Greece, are still the fourth. Seeing therefore the body of the third beast is confined to the nations on this side the river Euphrates, and the body of the fourth beast is confined to the nations on this side Greece ; we are to look for all the four heads of the third beast, among the nations on this side of the river Euphrates ; and for all the eleven horns of the fourth beast, among the nations on this side of Greece. And therefore, at the breaking of the Greek empire into four

* Chap. vii. 13.

† Chap. vii. 11, 12.

kingdoms of the Greeks, we include no part of the Chaldeans, Medes, and Persians in those kingdoms, because they belonged to the bodies of the two first beasts. Nor do we reckon the Greek empire seated at Constantinople, among the horns of the fourth beast, because it belonged to the body of the third.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE KINGDOMS REPRESENTED BY THE FEET OF
THE IMAGE COMPOSED OF IRON AND CLAY.

DACIA was a large country bounded on the south by the Danube, on the east by the Euxine Sea, on the north by the river Neister and the mountain Crapac, and on the west by the river Tibesis, or Teys, which runs southward into the Danube a little above Belgrade. It comprehended the countries now called Transylvania, Moldavia, and Wallachia, and the eastern part of the upper Hungary. Its ancient inhabitants were called Getæ by the Greeks, Daci by the Latins, and Goths by themselves. Alexander the Great attacked them, and Trajan conquered them, and reduced their country into a province of the Roman empire: and thereby the propagation of the Gospel among them was much promoted. They were composed of several Gothic nations, called Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Vandals, Gepides, Lombards, Burgundians, Alans, &c. who all agreed in their manners, and spake the same language, as Procopius represents. While they lived under the Romans, the Goths or Ostrogoths were seated in the eastern parts of Dacia,

the Vandals in the western part upon the river Teys, where the rivers Maresh and Keresh run into it. The Visigoths were between them. The Gepides, according to Jornandes, were upon the Vistula. The Burgundians, a Vandalic nation, were between the Vistula and the southern fountain of the Boristhenes, at some distance from the mountain Crapac northwards, where Ptolemy places them, by the names of Phrugundiones and Burgiones.* The Alans, another Gothic nation, were between the northern fountain of the Boristhenes and the mouth of the river Tanais, where Ptolemy placeth the mountain Alanus, and western side of the Palus Mæotis.

These nations continued under the dominion of the Romans till the second year of the emperor Philip, and then for want of their military pay began to revolt; the Ostrogoths setting up a kingdom, which, under their kings Ostrogotha, Cniva, Araric, Geperic, and Hermanaric, increased till the year of Christ 376; and then by an incursion of the Hunns from beyond the Tanais, and the death of Hermanaric, brake into several smaller kingdoms. Hunnimund, the son of Hermanaric, became king over the Ostrogoths; Fridigern over the Visigoths; Winithar, or Vinithar, over a part of the Goths called Gruthungi by Ammian, Gothunni by Claudian,

* Procop. l. i. de bello Vandalico.



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with their king, coming from the river Sala, were received into the empire by the emperor Julian, and seated in Gallia between Brabant and the Rhine: and their king Mellobaudes was made *comes domesticorum*, by the emperor Gratian. Richomer, another noble Salian Frank, was made *comes domesticorum*, and *magister utriusque militiæ*, by Theodosius; and A. C. 384, was consul with Clearchus. He was a great favourite of Theodosius, and accompanied him in his wars against Eugenius, but died in the expedition, and left a son called Theudomir, who afterwards became king of the Salian Franks in Brabant. In the time of this war some Franks from beyond the Rhine invaded Gallia under the conduct of Genobald, Marcomir and Suno, but were repulsed by Stilico; and Marcomir being slain, was succeeded in Germany by his son Pharamond.

While these nations remained quiet within the empire, subject to the Romans, many others continued so beyond the Danube till the death of the emperor Theodosius, and then rose up in arms. For Paulus Diaconus, in his *Historia Miscell.* lib. xiv. speaking of the times next after the death of this emperor, tells us; “Eodem tempore erant Gothi et aliæ gentes maximæ trans Danubium habitantes: ex quibus rationaliores quatuor sunt, Gothi scilicet, Huisogothi, Gepides et Vandali; et nomen tantum et nihil

aliud mutant. Isti sub Arcadio et Honorio Danubium transeuntes, locati sunt in terra Romanorum : et Gepides quidem, ex quibus postea divisi sunt Longobardi et Avars, villas, quæ sunt circa Singidonum et Sirmium, habitavere :”* and Procopius in the beginning of his *Historia Vandalica* writes to the same purpose. Hitherto the Western Empire continued entire, but now brake into many kingdoms.

Theodosius died A. C. 395 ; and then the Visigoths, under the conduct of Alaric the successor of Frigidern, rose from their seats in Thrace, and wasted Macedon, Thessaly, Achaia, Peloponnesus, and Epirus, with fire and sword for five years together ; when turning westward, they invaded Dalmatia, Illyricum and Pannonia ; and from thence went into Italy, A. C. 402 ; and the next year were so beaten at Pollentia and Verona, by Stilico the commander of the forces of the Western Empire, that Claudian calls the remainder of the forces of Alaric, *tanta ex gente reliquias breves*,† and

* At the same time the Goths and other very powerful nations were dwelling beyond the Danube ; of whom the more considerable are four, namely, the Goths, the Visigoths, the Gepides, and the Vandals ; changing the name only, and nothing besides. These, under Arcadius and Honorius, passing over the Danube, dwelt in the territory of the Romans : the Gepides indeed, from whom afterwards were divided the Lombards and the Avars, inhabited the towns which were about Singidonus and Sirmius.

† The miserable remnants of so great nations.

Prudentius, *Gentem deletam*.^{*} Thereupon Alaric made peace with the emperor, being so far humbled, that Orosius saith, he did, *pro pace optima et quibuscunque sedibus suppliciter et simpliciter orare*.[†] This peace was ratified by mutual hostages ; Ætius was sent hostage to Alaric ; and Alaric continued a free prince in the seats now granted to him.

When Alaric took up arms, the nations beyond the Danube began to be in motion ; and the next winter, between A. C. 395 and 396, a great body of Hunns, Alans, Ostrogoths, Gepides, and other northern nations, came over the frozen Danube, being invited by Rufinus : when their brethren, who had obtained seats within the empire, took up arms also. Jerome calls this great multitude, Hunns, Alans, Vandals, Goths, Sarmatians, Quades, and Marcomans ; and saith, that they invaded all places between Constantinople and the Julian Alps, wasting Scythia, Thrace, Macedon, Dardania, Dacia, Thessaly, Achaia, Epirus, Dalmatia, and all Pannonia. The Suevians also invaded Rhætia : for when Alaric ravaged Pannonia, the Romans were defending Rhætia ; which gave Alaric an opportunity of invading Italy, as Claudian thus mentions.

* A people wasted to oblivion.

† Did humbly and sincerely beg for the most beneficial peace, with any territories whatsoever.

“ Non nisi perfidiâ nacti penetrabile tempus,
 Irrupere Getæ, nostras dum Rhætia vires
 Occupat, atque alio desudant Marte cohortes.” *

And when Alaric went from those parts into Italy, some other barbarous nations invaded Noricum and Vindelicia, as the same Poet Claudian thus writes :

“———Jam fœdera gentes
 Exuerant, Latique auditâ clade feroces
 Vendelicos saltus et Norica rura tenebant.” †

This was in the years 402 and 403. And among these nations I reckon the Suevians, Quades, and Marcomans ; for they were all in arms at this time. The Quades and Marcomans were Suevian nations ; and they and the Suevians came originally from Bohemia, and the river Suevus or Sprake in Lusatia ; and were now united under one common king called Ermeric, who soon after led them into Gallia. The Vandals and Alans might also about this time extend themselves into Noricum. Uldin also with a great body of Hunns passed the Danube about the time of Chrysostom's banish-

* By coward faithlessness the Getæ seized
 Their time of fierce attack, when Rhætia's war
 Engaged our martial force, and all our bands
 Of gallant warriors toiled on other plains.

† ———Now nations cast away
 Their leagued faith, and Latians fierce, informed
 Of sad defeat, the fair dominions seized
 Of Noricum and woody Vendelice.

ment, that is, A. C. 404, and wasted Thrace and Mæsia. Radagaisus, king of the Gruthunni and successor of Winithar, inviting over more barbarians from beyond the Danube, invaded Italy with an army of above two hundred thousand Goths; and within a year or two, A. C. 405 or 406, was overcome by Stilico, and perished with his army. In this war Stilico was assisted with a great body of Hunns and Ostrogoths, under the conduct of Uldin and Sarus, who were hired by the Emperor Honorius. In all this confusion it was necessary for the Lombards in Pannonia to arm themselves in their own defence, and assert their liberty, the Romans being no longer able to protect them.

And now Stilico purposing to make himself emperor, procured a military prefecture for Alaric, and sent him into the East in the service of Honorius the Western Emperor, committing some Roman troops to his conduct to strengthen his army of Goths, and promising to follow soon after with his own army. His pretence was to recover some regions of Illyricum, which the Eastern Emperor was accused to detain injuriously from the Western; but his secret design was to make himself emperor, by the assistance of the Vandals and their allies: for he himself was a Vandal. For facilitating this design, he invited a great body of the barbarous nations to invade the Western Empire, while

he and Alaric invaded the Eastern. And these nations under their several kings, the Vandals under Godegisilus, the Alans in two bodies, the one under Goar, the other under Resplendial, and the Suevians, Quades, and Marcomans, under Ermeric, marched through Rhætia, to the side of the Rhine, leaving their seats in Pannonia to the Hunus and Ostrogoths, and joined the Burgundians under Gundicar, and ruffled the Franks in their further march. On the last of December, A. C. 406, they passed the Rhine at Ments, and spread themselves into Germania Prima and the adjacent regions; and amongst other actions the Vandals took Triers. Then they advanced into Belgium, and began to waste that country. Whereupon the Salian Franks in Brabant took up arms, and under the conduct of Theudomir, the son of Ricimer, or Richomer, above mentioned, made so stout a resistance, that they slew almost twenty thousand of the Vandals, with their king Godegesilus, in battle; the rest escaping only by a party of Resplendial's Alans which came timely to their assistance.

Then the British soldiers, alarmed by the rumour of these things, revolted, and set up tyrants there; first Marcus, whom they slew presently; then Gratian, whom they slew within four months; and lastly Constantine, under whom they invaded Gallia A. C. 408,

being favoured by Goar and Gundicar. And Constantine, having possessed a good part of Gallia, created his son Constans Cæsar, and sent him into Spain to order his affairs there, A. C. 409.

In the mean time Resplendial, seeing the aforesaid disaster of the Vandals, and that Goar was gone over to the Romans, led his army from the Rhine; and, together with the Suevians and residue of the Vandals, went towards Spain; the Franks in the mean time prosecuting their victory so far as to retake Triers, which after they had plundered they left to the Romans. The barbarians were at first stopped by the Pyrenean mountains, which made them spread themselves into Aquitain: but the next year they had the passage betrayed by some soldiers of Constans; and entering Spain 4 Kal. Octob. A. C. 409, they conquered every one what he could; and at length, A. C. 411, divided their conquests by lot; the Vandals obtained Bœtica, and part of Gallæcia; the Suevians the rest of Gallæcia; and the Alans Lusitania and the Carthaginian Province: the emperor for the sake of peace confirming them in those seats by grant A. C. 413.

The Roman Franks above mentioned, having made Theudomir their king, began straight after their conquest of the Vandals to invade their neighbours also. The first they set upon were



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that time Ravenna continued to be the seat of the Western Emperors. In those days the Hunns also invaded Pannonia; and seizing the deserted seats of the Vandals, Alans, and Goths, founded a new kingdom there. Alaric advancing to Rome besieged it, and 9 Kal. Sept. A. C. 410, took it: and afterwards attempting to pass into Africa, was shipwrecked. After which Honorius made peace with him, and got up an army to send against the tyrant Constantine.

At the same time Gerontius, one of Constantine's captains, revolted from him, and set up Maximus Emperor in Spain. Whereupon Constantine sent Edobec, another of his captains, to draw, to his assistance, the barbarians under Goar and Gundicar in Gallia, and supplies of Franks and Alemans from beyond the Rhine; and committed the custody of Vienne, in Gallia Narbonensis, to his son Constans. Gerontius advancing, first slew Constans at Vienne, and then began to besiege Constantine at Arles. But Honorius at the same time sending Constantius with an army on the same errand, Gerontius fled, and Constantius continued the siege, strengthened by the access of the greatest part of the soldiers of Gerontius. After four months siege, Edobec having procured succours, the barbarian kings at Ments, Goar, and Gundicar, constitute Jovinus emperor, and together

with him set forward to relieve Arles. At their approach Constantius retired. They pursued, and he beat them by surprize; but not prosecuting his victory, the barbarians soon recovered themselves; yet not so as to hinder the fall of the tyrants Constantine, Jovinus, and Maximus. Britain could not be recovered to the empire, but remained ever after a distinct kingdom.

The next year, A. C. 412, the Visigoths being beaten in Italy, had Aquitain granted them to retire into: and they invaded it with much violence, causing the Alans and Burgundians to retreat, who were then depopulating of it. At the same time the Burgundians were brought to peace; and the emperor granted them for inheritance a region upon the Rhine which they had invaded: and the same, I presume, he did with the Alans. But the Franks not long after retaking and burning Triers, Castinus, A. C. 415, was sent against them with an army, who routed them and slew Theudomir their king. This was the second taking of Triers by the Franks. It was therefore taken four times, once by the Vandals and thrice by the Franks. Theudomir was succeeded by Pharamond, the prince or king of the Salian Franks in Germany. From thence he brought new forces, reigned over the whole, and had seats granted to his people within the empire near the Rhine.

And now the barbarians were all quieted, and settled in several kingdoms within the empire, not only by conquest, but also by the grants of the emperor Honorius. For Rutilius, in his Itinerary, written in autumn, anno urbis 1169, that is, according to Varro's computation then in use, A. C. 416, thus laments the wasted fields :

Illa quidem longis nimium deformia bellis;*

And then adds,

Jam tempus laceris post longa incendia fundis
Vel pastorales ædificare casas.†

And a little after,

Æternum tibi Rhenus aret.‡

And Orosius in the end of his history, which was finished A. C. 417, represents now a general pacification of the barbarous nations by the words *comprimere, coangustare, addicere gentes immanissimas*; terming them *imperio addictus*, because they had obtained seats in the empire by league and compact; and *coangustatas*, because they did no longer invade all regions at

* ———They are indeed
Disfigured much by long continued war.

† Now after wasting fires have torn our fields,
The time is come to build the shepherd's cot.

‡ The Rhine to thee shall be for ever dry.

pleasure, but by the same compact remained quiet in the seats then granted them. And these are the kingdoms, of which the feet of the Image were henceforward composed, and which are represented by iron and clay intermixed, which did not stick one to another, and were of different strength.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE TEN KINGDOMS REPRESENTED BY THE TEN
HORNS OF THE FOURTH BEAST.

Now by the wars above described the western empire of the Romans, about the time that Rome was besieged and taken by the Goths, became broken into the following ten kingdoms.

1. The kingdom of the Vandals and Alans in Spain and Africa.
2. The kingdom of the Suevians in Spain.
3. The kingdom of the Visigoths.
4. The kingdom of the Alans in Gallia.
5. The kingdom of the Burgundians.
6. The kingdom of the Franks.
7. The kingdom of the Britains.
8. The kingdom of the Hunns.
9. The kingdom of the Lombards.
10. The kingdom of Ravenna.

Seven of these kingdoms are thus mentioned by Sigonius : “ Honorio regnante, in Pannoniam

Hunni, in Hispaniam Vandali, Alani, Suevi et Gothi, in Galliam Alani Burgundiones et Gothi, certis sedibus permissis, accepti.”* Add the Franks, Britons, and Lombards, and you have the ten: for these arose about the same time with the seven. But let us view them severally.

1. The kings of the Vandals were, A. C. 407, Godegesilus; 407, Gunderic; 426, Geiseric; 477, Hunneric; 484, Gundemund; 496, Thrasamund; 523, Geiseric; 530, Gelimer. Godegesilus led them into Gallia, A. C. 406; Gunderic into Spain, A. C. 409; Geiseric into Africa, A. C. 427; and Gelimer was conquered by Belisarius, A. C. 533. Their kingdom lasted in Gallia, Spain and Africa together 126 years; and in Africa they were very potent. The Alans had only two kings of their own in Spain, Resplendial, and Ataces, Utacus or Othacar. Under Resplendial they went into France, A. C. 407, and into Spain, A. C. 409. Ataces was slain with almost all his army by Vallia, king of the Visigoths, A. C. 419. And then the remainder of these Alans subjected themselves to Gunderic, king of the Vandals in Bœtica, and went afterwards with them into Africa, as I learn out of Procopius. Whence the kings of the Vandals

* Whilst Honorius reigned, the Hunus were received into Pannonia, the Vandals, Alans, Suevians and Goths into Spain, the Alans, Burgundians, and Goths into Gaul; specific territories being allowed to each.

styled themselves kings of the Vandals and Alans; as may be seen in the edict of Hunneric, recited by Victor in his Vandalic persecution. In conjunction with the Chatti, these Alans gave the name of Cathalaunia, or Catth-Alania, to the province which is still so called. These Alans had also Gepides among them; and therefore the Gepides came into Pannonia before the Alans left it. There they became subject to the Hunus till the death of Attila, A. C. 454, and at length were conquered by the Ostrogoths.

2. The kings of the Suevians were, A. C. 407, Ermeric; 438, Rechila; 448, Rechiarius; 458, Maldra; 460, Frumarius; 463, Regismund. And after some other kings who are unknown, reigned A. C. 558, Theudomir; 568, Miro; 582, Euboricus; and 583, Andeca. This kingdom, after it had been once seated in Spain, remained always in Gallæcia and Lusitania. Ermeric, after the fall of the Alan kingdom, enlarged it into all Gallæcia, forcing the Vandals to retire into Bœtica and the Carthaginian province. This kingdom lasted 177 years according to Isidorus, and then was subdued by Leovigildus, king of the Visigoths, and made a province of his kingdom, A. C. 585.

3. The kings of the Visigoths were, A. C. 400, Alaric; 410, Athaulphus; 415, Sergeric and Vallia; 419, Theoderic; 451, Thorismund; 452,



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Goar, Sambida, Eocharic, Sangibanus, Beurgus, &c. Under Goar they invaded Gallia, A. C. 407, and had seats given them near the Rhine, A. C. 412. Under Sambida, whom Bucher makes the successor, if not the son of Goar, they had the territories of Valence given them by Ætius, the emperor's general, A. C. 440. Under Eocharic they conquered a region of the rebelling *Galli Arborici*, given them also by Ætius. This region was from them named *Alenconium, quasi Alanorum conventus*.* Under Sangibanus they were invaded, and their regal city, Orleans, was besieged by Attila king of the Hunns, with a vast army of 500,000 men. Ætius and the barbarian kings of Gallia came to raise the siege, and beat the Hunns in a very memorable battle, A. C. 451, *in campis Catalaunicis*, so called from these Alans mixed with the Chatti. The region is now called Campania, or Champagne. In that battle were slain on both sides 162,000 men. A year or two after, Attila returned with an immense army to conquer this kingdom, but was again beaten by them and the Visigoths together in a battle of three days continuance, with a slaughter almost as great as the former. Under Beurgus, or Biorgor, they infested Gallia round about, till the reign of Maximus the emperor; and then they passed the Alps in

* Or, the assembly of the Alans.

winter, and came into Liguria, but were there beaten, and Beurgus slain, by Ricimer, commander of the emperor's forces, A. C. 464. Afterwards they were again beaten, by the joint force of Odoacer, king of Italy, and Childeric, king of the Franks, about the year 480, and again by Theudobert, king of the Austrian Franks, about the year 511.

5. The kings of the Burgundians were, A. C. 407, Gundicar; 436, Gundioc; 467, Bilimer; 473, Gundobaldus, with his brothers; 510, Sigismund; 517, Godomarus. Under Gundicar they invaded Gallia, A. C. 407, and had seats given them by the emperor near the Rhine in *Gallia Belgica*, A. C. 412. They had Saxons among them, and were now so potent, that Orosius A. C. 417, wrote of them: *Burgundionum esse prævalidam manum, Galliæ hodieque testes sunt, in quibus præsumpta possessione consistunt.** About the year 435, they received great overthrows by Ætius, and soon after by the Hunns: but five years after had Savoy granted them to be shared with the inhabitants; and from that time became again a potent kingdom, being bounded by the river Rhodanus, but afterwards extending much further into the heart of Gallia. Gundobald conquered the regions about the rivers

* That the power of the Burgundians is very great, as the Gauls testify to this day, amongst whom they firmly maintain their first conquests.

Araris and Rhodanus, with the territories of Marseilles; and invading Italy in the time of the emperor Glycerius, conquered all his brethren. Godomarus made Orleans his royal seat: whence the kingdom was called *Regnum Aurelianorum*. He was conquered by Clotharius and Chidelbert, kings of the Franks, A. C. 526. From thenceforward this kingdom was sometimes united to the kingdom of the Franks, and sometimes divided from it, till the reign of Charles the Great, who made his son Carolottus king of Burgundy. From that time, for about 300 years together, it enjoyed its proper kings; and was then broken into the dukedom of Burgundy, county of Burgundy, and county of Savoy; and afterwards those were broken into other lesser counties.

6. The kings of the Franks were, A. C. 407, Theudomir; 417, Pharamond; 428, Clodio; 448, Merovæus; 456, Childeric; 482, Clodovæus, &c. Windeline and Bucher, two of the most diligent searchers into the originals of this kingdom, make it begin the same year with the barbarian invasions of Gallia, that is, A. C. 407. Of the first kings there is in Labbe's *Bibliotheca M.S.* this record:

“Historica quædam excerpta ex veteri stemmate genealogico regum Franciæ.

“Genobaldus, Marcomerus, Suno, Theodemeris. Isti duces vel reguli extiterunt à prin-

cipio gentis Francorum diversis temporibus. Sed incertum relinquunt historici quali sibi procreationis lineâ successerunt.

“Pharamundus : sub hoc rege suo primo Franci legibus se subdunt, quas primores eorum tulerunt Wisogastus, Atrogastus, Salegastus.

“Chlochilo. Iste, transito Rheno, Romanos in Carbonaria sylva devicit, Camaracum cepit et obtinuit, annis 20 regnavit. Sub hoc rege Franci usque Summam progressi sunt.

“Merovechus. Sub hoc rege Franci Trevirim destruunt, Metim succendunt, usque Aurelianum perveniunt.”*

Now for Genobaldus, Marcomer and Suno, they were captains of the Transrhenane Franks in the reign of Theodosius, and concern us not. We are to begin with Theudomir, the first king

* Some historical extracts from the ancient genealogical pedigree of the kings of France.

Genobald, Marcomer, Suno, Theudomer. These chiefs, or petty kings, flourished at different times about the beginning of the nation of the Franks : but historians leave in uncertainty the precise line of generation in which they succeeded.

Pharamond. Under this king, and in his first year, the Franks submitted themselves to the laws, which their chiefs Wisogast, Atrogast, and Selegast enacted.

Chlochilo (*i. e.* Clodio) having passed the Rhine, overthrew the Romans in the Carbonarian forests, took and kept possession of Camaracus. He reigned 20 years. Under this king the Franks advanced as far as Summa.

Merovechus. Under this king the Franks laid waste Triers, burnt Metis and reached as far as Orleans.

of the rebelling Salii, called Didio by Ivo Carnotensis, and Thiedo and Theudemerus by Rhenanus. His face is extant in a coin of gold found with this inscription, THEUDEMIR REX, published by Petavius, and still or lately extant, as Windeline testifies: which shews that he was a king, and that in Gallia; seeing that rude Germany understood not then the coining of money, nor used either Latin words or letters. He was the son of Ricimer, or Richomer, the favourite of the emperor Theodosius; and so being a Roman Frank, and of the Salian royal blood, they therefore upon the rebellion made him king. The whole time of his reign you have stated in *Excerptis Gregorii Turonensis à Fredigario*, cap. 5, 6, 7, 8, where the making him king, the tyranny of Jovinus, the slaughter of the associates of Jovinus, the second taking of Triers by the Franks, and their war with Castinus, in which this king was slain, are as a series of successive things thus set down in order: “Extinctis ducibus in Francis, denuo reges creantur ex eadem stirpe qua prius fuerant. Eodem tempore Jovinus ornatus regios assumpsit. Constantinus fugam versus Italiam dirigit; missis a Jovino principe percussoribus super Mentio flumine, capite truncator. Multi nobilium jussu Jovini apud Avernus capti, et a ducibus Honorii crudeliter interempti sunt. Trevirorum civitas, factione unius ex senatoribus

nomine Lucii, à Francis capta et incensa est. —Castinus domesticorum comes expeditionem accipit contra Francos," &c.* Then returning to speak of Theudomir, he adds: "Franci electum à se regem, sicut prius fuerat, crinitum inquirentes diligenter ex genere Priami, Frigi, et Francionis, super se crearunt nomine Theudemerum filium Richimeris, qui in hoc prælio quod supra memini, à Romanis interfectus est;" † that is, in the battle with Castinus's army. Of his death Gregory Turonensis makes this further mention: "In consularibus legimus Theodemerem regem Francorum filium Ricimeris quondam, et Ascilam matrem ejus, gladio interfectos." ‡

* The chiefs being extinct in France, kings were thenceforward created from the same line as at the first. At that time Jovinus assumed the regal dignity. Constantine directed his flight towards Italy; and was beheaded by assassins, who had been sent upon the river Mentium by Jovinus, the prince. Many nobles were, at the command of Jovinus, taken at Avernus, and by the officers of Honorius cruelly murdered, the town of Triers was taken by the Franks, and burnt by the faction of one of the senators, named Lucius. Castinus, the master of the household, undertook an expedition against the Franks, &c.

† The Franks, in electing to themselves a king, as at the first, diligently sought for a valiant man of the line of Priam, Frigus, and Francio, and set up over themselves Theudemir, the son of Richemer, who was slain by the Romans in the battle which we have mentioned above.

‡ In the consular records, we read, that Theudemir, the son of Richomer, and formerly king of the Franks, was, with Ascila, his mother, slain with the sword.

Upon this victory of the Romans, the Franks, and rebelling Gauls, who, in the time of Theudomir, were at war with one another, united to strengthen themselves, as Ordericus Vitalis thus mentions: “Cum Galli prius contra Romanos rebellâssent, Franci iis sociati sunt, et pariter juncti, Feramundum Sunonis ducis filium, sibi regem præfecerunt.”* Prosper sets down the time: “Anno 25 Honorii, Pharamundus regnat in Francia.”† This Bucher well observes,‡ refers to the end of the year 416, or the beginning of the next year, dating the years of Honorius from the death of Valentinian; and argues well, that at this time Pharamond was not only king by the constitution of the Franks, but crowned also by the consent of Honorius, and had a part of Gallia assigned him by covenant. And this might be the cause that Roman writers reckoned him the first king: which some not understanding, have reputed him the founder of this kingdom by an army of the Transrhenane Franks. He might come with such an army, but he succeeded Theudomir by right of blood and consent of the people. For the above cited passage

* When the Gauls first rebelled against the Romans, the Franks allied forces with them, and joining equally, elected Pharamond the son of Suno, the chief, to be their king.

† In the 25th year of Honorius, Pharamond reigned in France.

‡ Apud Bucherum, l. 14. c. 9. n. 8.



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in Francia ; Clodio regnat in Francia ; Merovæus regnat in Francia :” and who can imagine but that in all these places he meant one and the same Francia ? And yet ’tis certain that the Francia of Merovæus was in Gallia.

Yet the father of Pharamond, being king of a body of Franks in Germany in the reign of the emperor Theodosius, as above, Pharamond might reign over the same Franks in Germany before he succeeded Theudomir in the kingdom of the Salians within the empire, and even before Theudomir began his reign ; suppose in the first year of Honorius, or when those Franks, being repulsed by Stilico, lost their kings Marcomir and Suno, one of which was the father of Pharamond : and the Roman Franks, after the death of Theudomir, might invite Pharamond with his people from beyond the Rhine. But we are not to regard the reign of Pharamond in Germany : we are to date this kingdom from its rise within the empire, and to look upon it as strengthened by the access of other Franks coming from beyond the Rhine, whether in the reign of this king, or in that of his successor Clodio. For in the last year of Pharamond’s reign, Ætius took from him a part of his possession in Gallia : but his successor Clodio, whom Fredigarius represents as the son of Theudomir, and some call Clogio, Cloio, and Claudius, inviting from beyond the Rhine a

great body of Franks, recovered all, and carried on their conquests as far as the river Soame. Then those Franks dividing conquests with him, erected certain new kingdoms at Cologne and Cambray, and some other cities : all which were afterwards conquered by Clodovæus, who also drove the Goths out of Gallia, and fixed his seat at Paris, where it has continued ever since. And this was the original of the present kingdom of France.

7. The kings of Britain were, A. C. 407 or 408, Marcus, Gratian, and Constantine successively ; A. C. 425, Vortigern ; 466, Aurelius Ambrosius ; 498, Uther Pendraco ; 508, Arthur ; 542, Constantinus ; 545, Aurelius Cunanus ; 578, Vortiporeus ; 581, Malgo ; 586, Careticus ; 613, Cadwan ; 635, Cadwalin ; 676, Cadwallader. The three first were Roman tyrants, who revolted from the empire. Orosius, Prosper, and Zosimus connect their revolt with the irruptions of the barbarians into Gallia, as consequent thereunto. Prosper, with whom Zosimus agrees, puts it in the year which began the day after that irruption. The just time I thus collect : Marcus reigned not many days, Gratian four months, and Constantine three years. He was slain the year after the taking of Rome, that is A. C. 411, 14 Kal. Octob. Whence the revolt was in Spring A. C. 408. Sozomen joins Constantine's expedition into Gallia with Arcadius's

death, or the times a little after ; and Arcadius died A. C. 408, May the 1st. Now though the reign of these tyrants was but short, yet they gave a beginning to the kingdom of Britain, and so may be reckoned the three first kings, especially since the posterity of Constantine, viz. his sons Aurelius Ambrosius, and Uther Pendraco, and his grandson Arthur, reigned afterwards. For from the time of the revolt of these tyrants Britain continued a distinct kingdom, absolved from subjection to the empire, the emperor not being able to spare soldiers to be sent thither to receive and keep the island, and therefore neglecting it ; as we learn by unquestionable records. For Prosper tells us ; A. C. 410, Variane Cos. “*Hac tempestate præ valetudine Romanorum, vires funditùs attenuatæ Britanniaë.*”^{*} And Sigebert, conjoining this with the siege of Rome, saith : “*Britannorum vires attenuatæ et substrahunt se à Romanorum dominatione.*”[†] And Zosimus, lib. 6. “The Transrhenane Barbarians invading all places, reduced the inhabitants of the island of Britain, and also certain Celtic nations to that pass, that they fell off from the Roman empire ; and being no longer obedient to the

^{*} By this violent struggle for the sake of the Romans, the strength of the Britons became quite exhausted.

[†] The strength of the Britons was exhausted, and they withdrew themselves from under the Roman dominion.

Roman laws *κατ' ἑαυτὸν βιατεύειν*, they lived in separate bodies after their own pleasure. The Britons therefore taking up arms, and hazarding themselves for their own safety, freed their cities from the imminent barbarians. In like manner all Brabant, and some other provinces of the Gauls, imitating the Britons, freed themselves also, ejecting the Roman presidents, and forming themselves into a sort of commonwealth according to their own pleasure. This rebellion of Britain and the Celtic nations, happened when Constantine usurped the kingdom." So also Procopius, lib. 1. Vandal, speaking of the same Constantine, saith, "Constantine being overcome in battle, was slain with his children: *Βρεταννίαν μὲν τοι Ρωμαῖοι ἀνασώσασθαι ἐκέτι ἔχον· ἀλλ' ἔσα ὑπὸ τυράννης ἀπ' αὐτῆ ἔμεινε.* Yet the Romans could not recover Britain any more, but from that time it remained under tyrants." And Beda, l. 1. c. 11. "Fracta est Roma à Gothis anno 1164 suæ conditionis; ex quo tempore Romani in Britannia regnare cessaverunt."* And Ethelwaldus, "A tempore Romæ à Gothis expugnatae, cessavit imperium Romanorum à Britannia insula, et ab aliis, quas sub jugo servitutis tenebant, multis terris."† And Theo-

* Rome was surrendered to the Goths in A. U. C. 1164, from which time the Romans ceased to have dominion in Britain.

† From the time that Rome was conquered by the Goths,

doret, serm. 9. de curand. Græc. affect. about the year 424, reckons the Britons among the nations which were not then in subjection to the Roman empire. Thus Sigonius: ad annum 411, “Imperium Romanorum post excessum Constantini in Britannia nullum fuit.”*

Between the death of Constantine and the reign of Vortigern was an interregnum of about 14 years, in which the Britons had wars with the Picts and Scots, and twice obtained the assistance of a Roman legion, who drove out the enemy, but told them positively at their departure that they would come no more. Of Vortigern's beginning to reign there is this record in an old Chronicle in Nennius, quoted by Camden and others: “Guortigernus tenuit imperium in Britannia, Theodosio et Valentiniano Coss. (viz. A. C. 425.) et in quarto anno regni sui Saxones ad Britanniam venerunt, Felice et Tauro† Coss.” (viz. A. C. 428.) This coming of the Saxons, Sigebert refers to the 4th year of Valentinian, which falls in with

the empire of the Romans ceased in the island of Britain, and in many other lands, which it had retained in servitude.

* The empire of the Romans was at an end in Britain after the death of Constantine.

† Vortigern reigned in Britain when Theodosius and Valentinian were consuls (i. e. A. C. 425.) and in the fourth year of his reign, the Saxons came into Britain, Felice and Taurus being consuls (i. e. A. C. 428.)

the year 428 assigned by this Chronicle : and two years after, the Saxons together with the Picts were beaten by the Britons. Afterwards, in the reign of Martian the emperor, that is, between the years 450 and 456, the Saxons under Hengist were called in by the Britons, but six years after revolted from them, made war upon them with various success, and by degrees succeeded them. Yet the Britons continued a flourishing kingdom till the reign of Careticus ; and the war between the two nations continued till the pontificate of Sergius, A. C. 688.*

8. The kings of the Hunns were, A. C. 406, Octar and Rugila ; 433, Bleda and Attila. Octar and Rugila were the brothers of Munzuc king of the Hunns in Gothia beyond the Danube ; and Bleda and Attila were his sons, and Munzuc was the son of Balamir. The two first, as Jornandes tells us, were kings of the Hunns, but not of them all ; and had the two last for their successors. I date the reign of the Hunns in Pannonia from the time that the Vandals and Alans relinquished Pannonia to them, A. C. 407. Sigonius from the time that the Visigoths relinquished Pannonia A. C. 408. “ Constat ” saith he, “ quod Gothis ex Illyrico profectis, Hunni successerunt, atque imprimis Pannoniam tenuerunt. Neque

* Rolevinc's Antiqua Saxon. l. 1. c. 6.

enim Honorius viribus ad resistendum in tantis difficultatibus destitutus, prorsus eos prohibere potuit, sed meliore consilio, animo ad pacem converso, fœdus cum eis, datis acceptisque obsidibus fecit; ex quibus qui dati sunt, Ætius, qui etiam Alarico tributus fuerat, præcipue memoratur.”* How Ætius was hostage to the Goths and Hunns is related by Frigeridus, who, when he had mentioned that Theodosius, emperor of the east, had sent grievous commands to John, who after the death of Honorius had usurped the crown of the Western Empire, he subjoins: “Iis permotus Johannes, Ætium id tempus curam palatii gerentem cum ingenti auri pondere ad Chunnos transmisit, notos sibi obsidiatûs sui tempore et familiari amicitia devinctos.”†—And a little after: “Ætius tribus annis Alarici obses, dehinc Chunnorum, postea Carpilionis gener ex Comite domesti-

* It appears that the Goths, having relinquished Illyricum, were succeeded by the Hunus, who then first obtained possession of Pannonia. For Honorius, being without forces to maintain war amidst so many difficulties, and, therefore, unable by any means to check them, by wiser counsel turned his thoughts to peace, and concluded a treaty with them, giving and receiving hostages, amongst whom Ætius, who had likewise been hostage to Alaric, is particularly mentioned.

† John, moved by these things, dispatched Ætius, at that time Steward of his Household, with a large sum of gold to the Hunns, to whom he was known while he was their hostage, and allied through familiar intercourse.



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pacem principum interpellatæ potestatis obtinuit.”* Hereby it appears that at this time Rugila, or, as Maximus calls him, Rechilla, reigned over the Hunus in Pannonia; and that Pannonia was not now so much as accounted within the soil of the empire, being formerly granted away to the Hunns; and that these were the very same body of Hunns with which Ætius had, in the time of his being an hostage, contracted friendship: by virtue of which, as he solicited them before to the aid of John the tyrant A. C. 424, so now he procured their intercession for himself with the emperor. Octar died A. C. 430; for Socrates tells us, that about that time the Burgundians, having been newly vexed by the Hunns, upon intelligence of Octar’s death, seeing them without a leader, set upon them suddenly with so much vigour, that 3,000 Burgundians slew 10,000 Hunns. Of Rugila’s being now king in Pannonia you have heard already. He died A. C. 433, and was succeeded by Bleda, as Prosper and Maximus inform us. This Bleda, with his brother Attila, were before this time kings of the Hunns beyond the Danube, their father Munzuc’s kingdom being divided between them; and now they

* Ætius and Valerius being consuls, Ætius, having put aside his power, went over to the Hunns in Pannonia, of whose friendship and alliance availing himself, he obtained intercession for himself with the offended power.

united the kingdom of Pannonia to their own. Whence Paulus Diaconus saith, they did *regnum intra Pannoniam Daciamque gerere*.* In the year 441, they began to invade the empire afresh, adding to the Pannonian forces new and great armies from Scythia. But this war was presently composed, and then Attila, seeing Bleda inclined to peace, slew him, A. C. 444, inherited his dominions, and invaded the empire again. At length, after various great wars with the Romans, Attila perished A. C. 454; and his sons quarrelling about his dominions, gave occasion to the Gepides, Ostrogoths, and other nations who were their subjects, to rebel and make war upon them. The same year the Ostrogoths had seats granted them in Pannonia by the emperors Marcian and Valentinian; and with the Romans ejected the Hunus out of Pannonia, soon after the death of Attila, as all historians agree. This ejection was in the reign of Avitus, as is mentioned in the *Chronicum Boiorum*, and in Sidonius, *Carm. 7 in Avitum*, which speaks thus of that emperor.

“ ———Cujus solum amissas post sæcula multa
Pannonias revocavit iter, jam credere promptum est
Quid faciet bellis.

The Poet means, that by the coming of Avitus

* Extend their kingdom through Dacia and Pannonia.

the Hunns yielded more easily to the Goths. This was written by Sidonius in the beginning of the reign of Avitus: and his reign began in the end of the year 455, and lasted not one full year.

Jornandes tells us: “*Duodecimo anno regni Valiæ, quando et Hunni post pene quinquaginta anuos invasa Pannonia, à Romanis et Gothicis expulsi sunt.*”* And Marcellinus: “*Hierio et Ardaburio Coss. Pannoniæ, quæ per quinquaginta anuos ab Hunnis retinebantur, à Romanis receptæ sunt:*”† whence it should seem that the Hunns invaded and held Pannonia from the year 378 or 379 to the year 427, and then were driven out of it. But this is a plain mistake: for it is certain that the emperor Theodosius left the empire entire; and we have shewed out of Prosper, that the Hunns were in quiet possession of Pannonia in the year 432. The Visigoths in those days had nothing to do with Pannonia, and the Ostrogoths continued subject to the Hunus till the death of Attila, A. C. 454; and Valia, king of the Visigoths, did not reign twelve years. He began his reign in

* In the 12th year of the reign of Valia, when the Hunns had invaded Pannonia, and held it for nearly fifty years, they were expelled by the Romans and Goths.

† In the consulate of Hierius and Ardaburius, Pannonia, which had been in the possession of the Hunns for fifty years, was re-possessed by the Romans.

the end of the year 415, reigned three years, and was slain A. C. 419, as Idacius, Isidorus, and the Spanish manuscript chronicles, seen by Grotius, testify. And Olympiodorus, who carries his history only to the year 425, sets down therein the death of Valia king of the Visigoths, and conjoins it with that of Constantius, which happened A. C. 420. Wherefore the Valia of Jornandes, who reigned at the least twelve years, is some other king. And I suspect that this name hath been put by mistake for Valamir king of the Ostrogoths : for the action recorded was of the Romans and Ostrogoths driving the Hunns out of Pannonia after the death of Attila ; and it is not likely that the historian would refer the history of the Ostrogoths to the years of the Visigothic kings. This action happened in the end of the year 455, which I take to be the twelfth year of Valamir in Pannonia, and which was almost fifty years after the year 406, in which the Hunns succeeded the Vandals and Alans in Pannonia. Upon the ceasing of the line of Hunnimund, the son of Hermaneric, the Ostrogoths lived without kings of their own nation about forty years together, being subject to the Hunns. And when Alaric began to make war upon the Romans, which was in the year 444, he made Valamir, with his brothers Theodimir and Videmir the grandsons of Vinethar, captains or kings of these Ostrogoths under him.

In the twelfth year of Valamir's reign, dated from thence, the Hunns were driven out of Pannonia.

Yet the Hunns were not so ejected, but that they had further contests with the Romans, till the head of Denfix, the son of Attila, was carried to Constantinople, A. C. 469, in the consulship of Zeno and Marcian, as Marcellinus relates. Nor were they yet totally ejected the empire: for besides their reliques in Pannonia, Sigonius tells us, that when the emperors Marcian and Valentinian granted Pannonia to the Goths, which was in the year 454, they granted part of Illyricum to some of the Hunns and Sarmatians. . And in the year 526, when the Lombards removing into Pannonia made war there with the Gepides, the Avares, a part of the Hunns, who had taken the name of Avares from one of their kings, assisted the Lombards in that war; and the Lombards afterwards, when they went into Italy, left their seats in Pannonia to the Avares, in recompence of their friendship. From that time the Hunns grew again very powerful; their kings, whom they called Chagan, troubling the empire much in the reigns of the emperors Mauritius, Phocas, and Heraclius: and this is the original of the present kingdom of Hungary, which from these Avares and other Hunns mixed together, took the name of Hun-Avaria, and by contraction Hungary.

9. The Lombards, before they came over the Danube, were commanded by two captains, Ibor and Ayon : after whose death they had kings, Agilmund, Lamisso, Lechu, Hildehoc, Gudehoc, Claffo, Tato, Wacho, Walter, Audoin, Alboin, Cloephis, &c. Agilmund was the son of Ayon, who became their king, according to Prosper, in the consulship of Honorius and Theodosius, A. C. 389, reigned thirty-three years, according to Paulus Warnefridus, and was slain in battle by the Bulgarians. Prosper places his death in the consulship of Marinianus and Asclepiodorus, A. C. 423. Lamisso routed the Bulgarians, and reigned three years, and Lechu almost forty. Gudehoc was contemporary to Odoacer, king of the Heruli in Italy, and led his people from Pannonia into Rugia, a country on the north side of Noricum next beyond the Danube ; from whence Odoacer then carried his people into Italy. Tato overthrew the kingdom of the Heruli beyond the Danube. Wacho conquered the Suevians, a kingdom then bounded on the east by Bavaria, on the west by France, and on the south by the Burgundians. Audoin returned into Pannonia, A. C. 526, and there overcame the Gepides. Alboin, A. C. 551, overthrew the kingdom of the Gepides, and slew their king Chunnimund : A. C. 563, he assisted the Greek emperor against Totila, king of the

Ostrogoths in Italy ; and A. C. 568, led his people out of Pannonia into Lombardy, where they reigned till the year 774.

According to Paulus Diaconus, the Lombards, with many other Gothic nations, came into the empire from beyond the Danube in the reign of Arcadius and Honorius, that is, between the years 395 and 408. But they might come in a little earlier : for we are told that the Lombards, under their captains Ibor and Ayon, beat the Vandals in battle ; and Prosper placeth this victory in the consulship of Ausonius and Olybrius, that is, A. C. 379. Before this war the Vandals had remained quiet forty years in the seats granted them in Pannonia by Constantine the Great. And therefore, if these were the same Vandals, this war must have been in Pannonia ; and might be occasioned by the coming of the Lombards over the Danube into Pannonia, a year or two before the battle ; and so have put an end to that quiet which had lasted forty years. After Gratian and Theodosius had quieted the barbarians, they might either retire over the Danube, or continue quiet under the Romans till the death of Theodosius ; and then either invade the empire anew, or throw off all subjection to it. By their wars, first with the Vandals, and then with the Bulgarians, a Scythian nation, so called from the river Volga,



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455. But I do not find they erected any settled kingdom there: for in the year 457, while they were yet depopulating Rhætia, they were attacked and beaten by Burto, master of the horse to the emperor Majoranus; and I hear nothing more of their invading Rhætia. Clodovæus, king of France, in or about the year 496, conquered a kingdom of the Alemans, and slew their last king Ermeric. But this kingdom was seated in Germany, and only bordered upon Rhætia: for its people fled from Clodovæus into the neighbouring kingdom of the Ostrogoths under Theoderic, who received them as friends, and wrote a friendly letter to Clodovæus in their behalf: and by this means they became inhabitants of Rhætia, as subjects under the dominion of the Ostrogoths.

When the Greek emperor conquered the Ostrogoths, he succeeded them in the kingdom of Ravenna, not only by right of conquest, but also by right of inheritance, the Roman senate still going along with this kingdom. Therefore we may reckon that this kingdom continued in the exarchate of Ravenna and senate of Rome: for the remainder of the Western Empire went along with the senate of Rome, by reason of the right which this senate still retained, and at length exerted, of choosing a new western emperor.

I have now enumerated the ten kingdoms,

into which the Western Empire became divided at its first breaking, that is, at the time of Rome's being besieged and taken by the Goths. Some of these kingdoms at length fell, and new ones arose : but whatever was their number afterwards, they are still called the Ten Kings* from their first number.

* On this subject the reader would do well to consult the fifth of a series of discourses, entitled, "The Church and State responsible to Christ and to one another," &c. by the Rev. Edward Irving. This author, by attending closely to the characteristics given in the vision of the Ten Kingdoms, seems incontrovertibly to have established their identity.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE ELEVENTH HORN OF DANIEL'S FOURTH BEAST.

“ Now Daniel considered the horns, and behold there came up among them another horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots ; and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things,”* and his “ look was more stout than his fellows,”† “ and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them :” † and one who stood by, and made Daniel know the interpretation of these things, told him, that “ the ten horns were ten kings that should arise, and another should arise after them, and be diverse from the first, and he should subdue three kings, and speak great words against the Most High, and wear out the saints, and think to change times and laws : and that they should be given into his hands until a time and times and half a time.” ‡ Kings are put for kingdoms, as above ; and therefore the little horn is a little kingdom. It was a horn of

* Chap. vii. 8.

† Ver. 20, 21.

‡ Ver. 24, 25.



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is recorded, that in the days of Pope Leo X., there was remaining in the Vatican, and till those days exposed to public view, an inscription in honour of Pipin the father of Charles the Great, in these words : “ Pipinum pium, primum fuisse qui amplificandæ ecclesiæ Romanæ viam aperuerit, exarchatu Ravennate, et plurimis aliis oblatis ;” “ That Pipin the pious was the first who opened a way to the grandeur of the church of Rome, conferring upon her the exarchate of Ravenna, and many other oblations.” In and before the reign of the emperors Gratian and Theodosius, the bishop of Rome lived splendidly ; but this was by the oblations of the Roman ladies, as Ammianus describes. After those reigns Italy was invaded by foreign nations, and did not get rid of her troubles before the fall of the kingdom of Lombardy. It was certainly by the victory of the see of Rome over the Greek emperor, the king of Lombardy, and the senate of Rome, that she acquired Peter’s patrimony, and rose up to her greatness: The donation of Constantine the Great is a fiction, and so is the donation of the Alpes Cotticæ to the Pope by Aripert, king of the Lombards : for the Alpes Cotticæ were a part of the exarchate, and in the days of Aripert belonged to the Greek emperor.

The invocation of the dead, and veneration of their images, being gradually introduced in the

4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th centuries, the Greek emperor Philippicus declared against the latter, A. C. 711 or 712. And the emperor Leo Isaurus, to put a stop to it, called a meeting of Counsellors and Bishops in his palace, A.C. 726;* and by their advice put out an edict against that worship, and wrote to Pope Gregory II. that a general council might be called. But the pope thereupon called a council at Rome, confirmed the worship of images, excommunicated the Greek emperor, absolved the people from their allegiance, and forbade them to pay tribute, or otherwise be obedient to him. Then the people of Rome, Campania, Ravenna, and Pentapolis, with the cities under them, revolted and laid violent hands upon their magistrates, killing the Exarch Paul at Ravenna, and laying aside Peter duke of Rome, who was become blind: and when Exhileratus, duke of Campania, incited the people against the pope, the Romans invaded Campania, and slew him with his son Hadrian. Then a new Exarch, Euty chius, coming to Naples, sent some secretly to take away the lives of the pope and the nobles of Rome: but the plot being discovered, the Romans revolted absolutely from the Greek Emperor, and took an oath to preserve the life of the pope, to defend his state, and be obedient to his authority in all

* Sigonius de Regno Italiæ, ad Ann. 726.

things. Thus Rome, with its duchy, including part of Tuscany and part of Campania, revolted in the year 726, and became a free state under the government of the Senate of this city. The authority of the Senate in civil affairs was henceforward absolute, the authority of the pope extending hitherto no farther than to the affairs of the church only.

At that time the Lombards also being zealous for the worship of images, and pretending to favour the cause of the pope, invaded the cities of the Exarchate : and at length, viz. A. C. 752, took Ravenna, and put an end to the Exarchate. And this was the first of the three kingdoms which fell before the little horn.*

In the year 751† Pope Zechary deposed Childeric, a slothful and useless king of France, and the last of the race of Merovæus ; and absolving his subjects from their oath of allegiance, gave the kingdom to Pipin, the major of the palace ; and thereby made a new and potent friend.‡ His successor, Pope Stephen III, knowing better how to deal with the Greek Emperor than with the Lombards, went the next year to the king of the Lombards, to persuade him to return the Exarchate to the Emperor. But this not succeeding, he went

* Sigonius, *ib.* ad Ann. 726, 752.

† Sigon. *ib.* Ann. 750.

‡ Sigon. *ib.* Ann. 753, 754, 755.



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Christ 755. And henceforward, the popes being temporal princes, left off in their epistles and bulls to note the years of the Greek Emperors, as they had hitherto done.

After this the Lombards invading the Pope's countries, Pope Adrian sent to Charles the great, the son and successor of Pipin, to come to his assistance.* Accordingly Charles entered Italy with an army, invaded the Lombards, overthrew their kingdom, became master of their countries, and restored to the pope, not only what they had taken from him, but also the rest of the Exarchate which they had promised Pipin to surrender to him, but had hitherto detained; and also gave him some cities of the Lombards, and was in return himself made Patricius by the Romans, and had the authority of confirming the elections of the popes conferred upon him. These things were done in the years 773 and 774. This kingdom of the Lombards was the second kingdom which fell before the little horn. But Rome, which was to be the seat of his kingdom, was not yet his own.

In the year 796,† Leo III. being made pope, notified his election to Charles the Great by his Legates, sending to him for a present, the golden keys of the Confession of Peter, and the Banner of the city of Rome: the first as an

* Sigon. ib. Ann. 773.

† Sigon. de Regno Ital. ad Ann. 796.

acknowledgment of the pope's holding the cities of the Exarchate and Lombardy by the grant of Charles ; the other as a signification that Charles should come and subdue the senate and people of Rome, as he had done the Exarchate and the kingdom of the Lombards. For the pope at the same time desired Charles to send some of his princes to Rome, who might subject the Roman people to him, and bind them by oath *in fide et subjectione*, in fealty and subjection, as his words are recited by Sigonius. An anonymous poet, published by Boeclerus at Strasburg, expresseth it thus :

Admonuitque piis precibus, qui mittere vellet
Ex propriis aliquos primoribus, ac sibi plebem
Subdere Romanam, servandaque fœdera cogens
Hanc fidei sacramentis promittere magnis.*

Hence arose a misunderstanding between the pope and the city : and the Romans, about two or three years after, by assistance of some of the clergy, raised such tumults against him, as gave occasion to a new state of things in all the West. For two of the clergy accused him of crimes, and the Romans, with an armed force, seized him, stript him of his sacerdotal habit, and imprisoned him in a monastery. But by assistance of his friends he made his

* He besought him also, by holy entreaties, to send some of his own princes, in order that they might subject the Roman people to him, and compel them, upon their most solemn oath, to promise continued fealty.

escape, and fled into Germany to Charles the Great, to whom he complained of the Romans for acting against him out of a design to throw off all authority of the church, and to recover their ancient freedom. In his absence, his accusers with their forces ravaged the possessions of the church, and sent the accusations to Charles; who, before the end of the year, sent the pope back to Rome with a large retinue. The nobles and bishops of France who accompanied him, examined the chief of his accusers at Rome, and sent them into France in custody. This was in the year 799. The next year Charles himself went to Rome, and upon a day appointed presided in a Council of Italian and French Bishops to hear both parties. But when the pope's adversaries expected to be heard, the Council declared that he who was the supreme judge of all men, was above being judged by any other than himself:* whereupon he made a solemn declaration of his innocence before all the people, and by doing so was looked upon as acquitted.

Soon after, upon Christmas-day, the people of Rome, who had hitherto elected their bishop, and reckoned that they and their Senate inherited the rights of the ancient Senate and people of Rome, voted Charles their emperor, and subjected themselves to him in such man-

* Vide Anastasium.



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rium, or *Imperator Romanorum* ;* and was prayed for in the churches of Rome. His image was henceforward put upon the coins of Rome : while the enemies of the pope, to the number of three hundred Romans, and two or three of the clergy, were sentenced to death. The three hundred Romans were beheaded in one day in the Lateran fields : but the clergymen, at the intercession of the pope, were pardoned, and banished into France. And thus the title of Roman Emperor, which had hitherto been in the Greek Emperors, was by this act transferred in the West to the kings of France.

After these things Charles gave the city and duchy of Rome to the pope, subordinately to himself as Emperor of the Romans ; spent the winter in ordering the affairs of Rome, and those of the Apostolic See, and of all Italy, both civil and ecclesiastical, and in making new laws for them ; and returned the next summer into France : leaving the city under its senate, and both under the pope and himself.† But hearing that his new laws were not observed by the judges in dictating the law, nor by the people in hearing it ; and that the great men took servants from free men, and from the churches and

* Crowned of God, Charles Augustus, the most Serene, the Great, the Pacific, the Ruler of the empire of Rome, or Emperor of the Romans.

† Sigon de Regno Ital.

monasteries, to labour in their vineyards, fields, pastures and houses, and continued to exact cattle and wine of them, and to oppress those that served the churches: he wrote to his son Pipin to remedy these abuses, to take care of the church, and see his laws executed.

Now the Senate and people and principality of Rome I take to be the third king the little horn overcame, and even the chief of the three. For this people elected the pope and the emperor; and now, by electing the emperor, and making him consul, was acknowledged to retain the authority of the old Roman senate and people. This city was the metropolis of the old Roman empire, represented in Daniel by the fourth beast; and by subduing the senate and people and duchy, it became the metropolis of the little horn of that beast, and completed Peter's patrimony, which was the kingdom of that horn. Besides, this victory was attended with greater consequences than those over the other two kings. For it set up the Western Empire, which continues to this day. It set up the pope above the judicature of the Roman Senate, and above that of a council of Italian and French bishops, and even above all human judicature; and gave him the supremacy over the western churches and their councils in a high degree. It gave him *a look more stout than his fellows*; so that when this new religion began to be established in the minds of men, he

grappled not only with kings, but even with the western Emperor himself. It is observable also, that the custom of kissing the pope's feet, an honour superior to that of kings and emperors, began about this time. There are some instances of it in the ninth century : Platina tells us, that the feet of Pope Leo IV. were kissed, according to ancient custom, by all who came to him : and some say that Leo. III. began this custom, pretending that his hand was infected by the kiss of a woman. The popes began also about this time to canonize saints, and to grant indulgences and pardons : and some represent that Leo III. was the first author of all these things. It is further observable, that Charles the Great, between the years 775 and 796, conquered all Germany from the Rhine and Danube northward to the Baltic Sea, and eastward to the River Teis ; extending his conquests also into Spain as far as the River Ebro : and by these conquests he laid the foundation of the new empire ; and at the same time propagated the Roman Catholic religion into all his conquests, obliging the Saxons and Hunns, who were heathens, to receive the Roman faith, and distributing his northern conquests into bishoprics, granting tithes to the clergy, and Peter-pence to the pope : by all which the Church of Rome was highly enlarged, enriched, exalted, and established.

In the forementioned *dissertation upon some*



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message ; and the words below, “ *Beate Petre, dona vitam Leoni Papæ et victoriam Carolo regi dona*, are a prayer that in this undertaking God would preserve the life of the pope, and give victory to the king over the Romans. The three keys in the lap of Peter signify the keys of the three parts of his patrimony, that of Rome, with its duchy, which the pope claimed and was conquering, those of Ravenna with the Exarchate, and of the territories taken from the Lombards ; both which he had newly conquered. These were the three dominions, whose keys were in the lap of St. Peter, and whose crowns are now worn by the pope, and by the conquest of which he became the little horn of the fourth beast. By Peter’s giving the Pallium to the pope with his right hand, and the banner of the city to the king with his left, and by naming the pope before the king in the inscription, may be understood that the pope was then reckoned superior in dignity to the kings of the earth.

After the death of Charles the Great, his son and successor, Ludovicus Pius, at the request of the pope, confirmed the donations of his grandfather and father to the See of Rome.* And in the confirmation he names first Rome, with its duchy, extending into Tuscany and

* Sigonius gives the words of this confirmation in lib. 4. de Regno Italiæ, ad An. 817.

Campania ; then the Exarchate of Ravenna, with Pentapolis ; and, in the third place, the territories taken from the Lombards. These are his three conquests, and he was to hold them of the Emperor for the use of the church, *sub integritate*, entirely, without the Emperor's meddling therewith, or with the jurisdiction or power of the pope therein, unless called thereto in certain cases. This ratification the emperor Ludovicus made under an oath : and as the king of the Ostrogoths, for acknowledging that he held his kingdom of Italy of the Greek Emperor, stamped the effigies of the Emperor on one side of his coins and his own on the reverse ; so the pope made the like acknowledgment to the western Emperor. For the pope began now to coin money, and the coins of Rome are henceforward found with the heads of the emperors, Charles, Ludovicus Pius, Lotharius, and their successors, on the one side, and the pope's inscription on the reverse, for many years.

CHAPTER VIII,

OF THE POWER OF THE ELEVENTH HORN OF DANIEL'S
FOURTH BEAST, TO CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS.

IN the reign of the Greek Emperor Justinian, and again in the reign of Phocas, the bishop of Rome obtained some dominion over the Greek churches, but of no long continuance. His standing dominion was only over the nations of the Western Empire, represented by Daniel's fourth beast. And this jurisdiction was sêt up by the following edict of the Emperors Gratian and Valentinian. — “Volumus ut quicumque judicio Damasi, quod ille cum Concilio quinque vel septem habuerit Episcoporum, vel eorum qui Catholici sunt judicio vel Concilio condemnatus fuerit, si juste voluerit ecclesiam retentare, ut qui ad sacerdotale judicium per contumeliam non ivisset :* ut ab illustribus viris Præfectis Prætorio Galliæ atque Italiæ, auctoritate adhibitâ, ad Episcopale judicium remittatur, sive à Consularibus vel Vicariis, ut ad urbem

* The “*Annales Ecclesiastici Baronii*, tom. 4. an. 381. sect. 6. Ed. Antwerp, 1651.” read, “ut qui evocatus ad sacerdotale judicium per *contumaciam* non ivisset,” which seems to be the preferable reading.



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Valens and Theodosius in the title, was made in the time between their reigns, that is, in the end of the year 378, or the beginning of 379. It was directed to the *Præfecti Prætorio Italiae et Galliae*, and therefore was general. For the *Præfectus Prætorio Italiae* governed Italy, *Illyricum occidentale*, and Africa; and the *Præfectus Prætorio Galliae* governed Gallia, Spain, and Britain.

The granting of this jurisdiction to the Pope gave several bishops occasion to write to him for his resolutions upon doubtful cases, whereupon he answered by decretal epistles; and henceforward he gave laws to the western churches by such epistles. Himerius, bishop of Tarraco, the head city of a province in Spain, writing to Pope Damasus for his direction about certain ecclesiastical matters, and the letter not arriving at Rome till after the death of Damasus, A. C. 384; his successor Siricius answered the same with a legislative authority, telling him of one thing: “*Cum hoc fieri—missa ad provincias à venerandæ memoriæ prædecessore meo Liberio generalia decreta, pro-*

Rome may have appointed as judges. And if any metropolitan bishop, or any priest be suspected of prejudice, either for or against the party: be it lawful to appeal to the bishop of Rome, or to a convened council of fifteen bishops of the neighbouring districts, provided that after the examination shall have been holden, the sentence be never renewed.

hibeant.”* Of another: “Noverint se ab omni ecclesiastico honore, quo indignè usi sunt, apostolicæ sedis auctoritate, dejectos.”† Of another: “Scituri posthac omnium provinciarum summi antistites, quod si ultrò ad sacros ordines quenquam de talibus esse assumendum, et de suo et de aliorum statu, quos contra canones et interdicta nostra provexerint, congruam ab apostolica sede promendam esse sententiam.”‡ And the epistle he concludes thus: “Explicuimus, ut arbitror, frater charissime, universa quæ digesta sunt in querelam; et ad singulas causas, de quibus ad Romanam ecclesiam, utpote ad caput tui corporis, retulisti; sufficientia, quantum opinor, responsa reddidimus. Nunc fraternitatis tuæ animum ad servandos canones, et tenenda decretalia constituta, magis ac magis incitamus: ad hæc quæ ad tua consulta rescripsimus in omnium Co-

* Since the general decrees issued to the provinces by Liberius, my predecessor of pious memory, forbid that this be done.

† Let them know, that by authority of the Apostolick Chair, they are deprived of every ecclesiastical honour which they have abused.

‡ Henceforward let the high-priests of all the provinces know, that, if they have chosen to select for holy orders any one from amongst such, namely their own candidate or that of others, whom they may have advanced in opposition to our canons and interdicts, a suitable sentence shall be derived from the Apostolick Chair.

On these letters, written by Siricius to Himerius, Bishop of Tarraco cf: Isidorus de Virib. Illustr. cap. 9.

episcoporum perferri facias notionem; et non solum eorum, qui in tua sunt diœcesi constituti, sed etiam ad universos Carthaginenses ac Bœticos, Lusitanos atque* Gallicos, vel eos qui vicinis tibi collimitant hinc inde provinciis, hæc quæ a nobis sunt salubri ordinatione disposita, sub literarum tuarum prosecutione mittantur. Et quanquam statuta sedis apostolicæ vel canonum venerabilia definita, nulli sacerdotum Domini ignorare sit liberum: utilius tamen, atque pro antiquitate sacerdotii tui, dilectioni tuæ esse admodùm poterit gloriosum, si ea quæ ad te speciali nomine generaliter scripta sunt, per unanimatis tuæ sollicitudinem in universorum fratrum nostrorum notitiam perferantur; quatenus et quæ à nobis non inconsultè sed providè sub nimia cautela et deliberatione sunt salubriter constituta, intemerata permaneant, et omnibus in posterum excusationibus aditus, qui jam nulli apud nos patere poterit, obstruatur. Dat. 3 Id. Febr. Arcadio et Bautone viris clarissimis Consulibus, A. C. 385." † Pope

* Populos Galliciæ.

† We have explained, dearest brother, as I imagine, all those things which were arranged in the form of complaint, and to each cause upon which you referred to the church of Rome, as to the head of your body, we have given, as far as I can see, sufficient answer. We would now most earnestly rouse the minds of your brethren to observe our canons, and to regard our established decrees; these things also which we have written in answer to your questions, we would that you



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of Seville was also the pope's vicar sometimes; for Simplicius wrote thus to Zeno bishop of that place: "Talibus idcirco gloriantes indiciis, congruum duximus vicariâ sedis nostræ te auctoritate fulciri: cujus vigore munitus, apostolicæ institutionis decreta, vel sanctorum terminos patrum, nullatenus transcendendi permittas.*

And pope Hormisda made the bishop of Seville his vicar over Bœtica and Lusitania, and the bishop of Tarraco his vicar over all the rest of Spain, as appears by his epistles to them.†

Pope Innocent the First, in his decretal epistle to Victricius, bishop of Rouen, in France, A. C. 404, in pursuance of the edict of Gratian, made this decree: "Si quæ autem causæ vel contentiones inter clericos tam superioris ordinis quam etiam inferioris fuerint exortæ; ut secundum Synodum Nicenam congregatis ejusdem provinciæ episcopis jurgium terminetur: nec alicui liceat,‡ Romanæ Ecclesiæ, cujus in omnibus causis debet reverentia custodiri, relictis his sacerdotibus, qui in eadem provincia Dei ecclesiam nutu divino gubernant, ad alias con-

* Glorifying then in such earnest, we have deemed it proper that you should be supported by the vicarious authority of our chair, defended by which power, you must in no wise allow the decrees of the apostolic institution, or the prescripts of the Holy Fathers to be transgressed.

† Hormisd. Epist. 24. 26.

‡ The words, *sine auctoritate*, seem wanting.

volare provincias. Quod si quis fortè præsumpserit; et ab officio clericatûs summotus, et injuriarum reus judicetur. Si autem majores causæ in medium fuerint devolutæ, ad sedem apostolicam sicut synodus statuit, et beata consuetudo exigit, post judicium episcopale referantur.* By these letters it seems to me that Gallia was now subject to the pope, and had been so for some time, and that the bishop of Rouen was then his vicar or one of them: for the pope directs him to refer the greater causes to the See of Rome, according to custom. But the bishop of Arles soon after became the pope's vicar over all Gallia: for pope Zosimus, A.C. 417, ordaining that none should have access to him without the credentials of his vicars, conferred upon Patroclus, the bishop of Arles, this authority over all Gallia, by the following decree.

* But, if any causes or contentions arise among the clergy of a higher or lower rank, we decree that the matter be determined, according to the synod of Nice, by a convocation of bishops of the same province; and that it be lawful for no one without the authority of the Church of Rome, a due reverence for which must be maintained in all causes, to leave those priests, who by the divine will preside over the church in that province, and migrate to other provinces; which, if any one take upon himself to do, let him be considered as guilty of wrong to the church, and as deprived of holy orders. But should more weighty causes be brought forward, let them, in accordance with holy usage, and the decree of the synod, be referred, after the judgment of the Bishop, to the Apostolick Chair.

“ Zosimus universis Episcopis per Gallias et septem Provincias constitutis.

“ Placuit Apostolicæ Sedi, ut si quis ex qualibet Galliarum parte sub quolibet ecclesiastico gradu ad nos Romæ venire contendit, vel aliò terrarum ire disponit, non aliter proficiscatur nisi Metropolitanæ Episcopi Formatas acceperit, quibus sacerdotium suum vel locum ecclesiasticum quem habet, scriptorum ejus adstipulatione perdoceat: quod ex gratia statuimus quia plures episcopi sive presbyteri sive ecclesiastici simulantes, quia nullum documentum Formatarum extat per quod valeant confutari, in nomen venerationis irrepunt, et indebitam reverentiam promerentur. Quisquis igitur, fratres charissimi, prætermittens supradicti formatâ, sive episcopus, sive presbyter, sive diaconus, aut deinceps inferiori gradu sit, ad nos venerit: sciat se omnino suscipi non posse. Quam auctoritatem ubique nos misisse manifestum est, ut cunctis regionibus innotescat id quod statuimus omnimodis esse servandum. Siquis autem hæc salubriter constituta temerare tentaverit sponte suâ, se a nostra noverit communionem discretum. Hoc autem privilegium Formatarum sancto Patroclo fratri et coepiscopo nostro, meritorum ejus speciali contemplatione, concessimus.”* And that the bishop of Arles

* Zosimus to the Catholic Bishops holding office throughout all Gallia, and the Seven Provinces.

It hath pleased the Apostolick Chair, that if any one, of what



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Pelagius I. A. C. 556, in his epistle to Sapaudus bishop of Arles : “ Majorum nostrorum, operante Dei misericordiâ, cupientes inhærere vestigiis et eorum actus divino examine in omnibus imitari : Charitati tuæ per universam Galliam, sanctæ Sedis Apostolicæ, cui divinâ gratiâ præsidemus, vices injungimus.”*

By the influence of the same imperial edict, not only Spain and Gallia, but also Illyricum became subject to the pope. Damasus made Ascholius, or Acholius, bishop of Thessalonica, the metropolis of Oriental Illyricum, his vicar for hearing of causes ; and in the year 382, Acholius being summoned by pope Damasus, came to a council at Rome. Pope Siricius the successor of Damasus, decreed that no bishop should be ordained in Illyricum without the consent of Anysius, the successor of Acholius. And the following popes gave Rufus, the successor of Anysius, a power of calling provincial councils : for in the collections of Holstenius, there is an account of a council of Rome convened under pope Boniface II. in which were produced letters of Damasus, Syricius, Inno-

* For as much as we desire, with the co-operation of the mercy of God, to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors, and in all things to imitate them with scrupulous exactness, we commit to your love the vicarious powers of the holy apostolick chair, on which by divine favour we are seated, to be exercised throughout all France.

cent I., Boniface I., and Cælestine, bishops of Rome, to Ascholius, Anysius, and Rufus, bishops of Thessalonica : in which letters they commend to them the hearing of causes in Illyricum, granted by the Lord and the holy canons to the Apostolic See throughout that province. And Pope Siricius saith in his epistle to Anysius : “ Etiam dudum, frater charissime, per Candidianum episcopum, qui nos præcessit ad Dominum, hujusmodi literas dederamus, ut nulla licentia esset, sine consensu tuo in Illyrico episcopos ordinare præsumere, quæ utrum ad te pervenerint scire non potni. Multa enim gesta sunt per contentionem ab episcopis in ordinationibus faciendis, quod tua melius caritas novit.”* And a little after : “ Ad omnem enim hujusmodi audaciam comprimendam vigilare debet instantia tua, Spiritu in te Sancto fervente : ut vel ipse, si potes, vel quos judicaveris episcopos idoneos, cum literis dirigas, dato consensu qui possit, in ejus locum qui defunctus vel depositus fuerit, Catholicum Episcopum vitâ et moribus probatum, secundum Nicenæ Synodi statuta vel Ecclesiæ Ro-

* Even long since, dearest brother, we issued letters by Candidian the Bishop, who went before us to the Lord, declaring that it should not be lawful for any one to take upon himself to ordain bishops in Illyricum without your permission ; but whether you received such letters, is not in my power to know : for many contentions have arisen with bishops in their ordinations, as your affection knows better even than myself.

manæ, clericum de Clero meritum ordinare.”*
 And Pope Innocent I. saith in his epistle to Anysius: “Cui [Anysio] etiam anteriores tanti ac tales viri prædecessores mei Episcopi, id est, sanctæ memoriæ Damasus, Siricius, atque supra memoratus vir ita detulerunt; ut omnia quæ in omnibus illis partibus gererentur, Sanctitati tuæ, quæ plena justitiæ est, traderent cognoscenda,”† And in his epistle to Rufus the successor of Anysius: “Ita longis intervallis disternatis à me ecclesiis discat consulendum; ut prudentiæ gravitatisque tuæ committendam curam causasque, siquæ exoriantur, per Achaia, Thessalia, Epiri veteris, Epiri novæ, et Cretæ, Dacia mediterraneæ, Dacia ripensis, Mæsia, Dardania, et Prævali ecclesias, Christo Domino annuente, censeam. Verè enim ejus sacratissimis monitis lectissimæ sinceritatis tuæ providen-

* For your diligence ought especially to be on the watch with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to repress all impertinence of this kind, that either you yourself, if possible, or the bishops whom you may judge fit, may give order by letters, who with proper authority may ordain a minister well deserved of the church, of approved life and morals, as a catholic bishop in the room of him who may have died or been deposed, in due observance of the statutes of the Synod of Nice, or those of the Church of Rome.

† To whom (Anysius) also my great and good predecessors, namely, Damasus, Siricius, and he above mentioned, have thus handed down:—that they should transfer to the knowledge of your Holiness, which aboundeth in justice, all things which are done in those parts.



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ordinetur. Nullus usurpet, eodem inconscio, commissam illi Provinciam; colligere nisi cum ejus voluntate episcopus non præsumat.* And in the cause of Perigenes, and in the title of his epistle, he thus enumerates the provinces under this bishop: “ Rufo et cæteris Episcopis per Macedoniam, Achaiam, Thessaliam, Epirum veterem, Epirum novam, Prævalin, et Daciam constitutis.† And pope Xistus in a decretal epistle to the same bishops: “ Illyricanæ omnes ecclesiæ, ut à decessoribus nostris recepimus, et nos quoque fecimus, ad curam nunc pertinent Thessalonicensis Antistitis, ut suâ sollicitudine, si quæ inter fratres nascantur, ut assolent, actiones distinguat atque definiat; et ad eum, quicquid à singulis sacerdotibus agitur, referatur. Sit concilium, quotiens causæ fuerint, quotiens ille pro necessitatibus emergentium ratione decreverit.‡

* Know ye that our vicarious power, throughout your province, is committed to Rufus; so, dearest brethren, let what cause soever be agitated, it must be referred to him: without his advice, let no one be ordained; without his knowledge, let no one enter on that province to which he is appointed; without his consent, let no bishop presume to convene Councils.

† To Rufus, and the other bishops in office in Macedonia, Achaia, Thessaly, ancient and modern Epirus, Prævalis, and Dacia.

‡ All the churches of Illyricum, as we have received from our predecessors, and as it now also obtains with us, come under the jurisdiction of the bishop of Thessalonica. That it may be in his power to arrange and determine, on his own

And pope Leo I. in his decretal epistle to Anastasius, bishop of Thessalonica: “Singulis autem metropolitanis sicut potestas ista committitur, ut in suis provinciis jus habeant ordinandi; ita eos metropolitanos à te volumus ordinari; maturo tamen et decocto iudicio.”*

Occidental Illyricum comprehended Pannonia prima and secunda, Savia, Dalmatia, Noricum mediterraneum, and Noricum ripense; and its metropolis was Sirmium, till Attila destroyed this city. Afterwards Laureacum became the metropolis of Noricum and both Pannonias, and Salona, the metropolis of Dalmatia. Now the bishops of Laureacum and Salona received the pallium from the pope: and Zosimus, in his decretal epistle to Hesychius, bishop of Salona, directed him to denounce the apostolic decrees, as well to the bishops of his own, as to those of the neighbouring provinces.† The

responsibility, whatever cause may arise among the brethren generally, (for such do arise,) and also that whatever be contested by individual priests may be referred to him. Let a council be holden as often as causes arise, and as often as he, from the emergency of the case, may think proper.

* And as such authority is delegated to individual Metropolitans, that they should have a right of holding ordinations in their own provinces, so do we decide, that those Metropolitans themselves, be ordained by you, yet with mature and deliberate judgment.

† Vide Caroli a S. Paulo Geographiam sacram, p. 72, 73.

subjection of these provinces to the see of Rome seems to have begun in Anemius, who was ordained bishop of Sirmium by Ambrose, bishop of Millain, and who in the council of Aquileia under pope Damasus, A. C. 381, declared his sentence in these words: “Caput Illyrici non nisi civitas Sirmiensis: ego igitur illius civitatis episcopus sum. Eum qui non confitetur filium Dei æternum, et coeternum patri, qui est sempiternus, anathema dico.”* The next year Anemius and Ambrose, with Valerian, bishop of Aquileia, Acholius, bishop of Thessalonica, and many others, went to the council of Rome, which met for overruling the Greek church by majority of votes, and exalting the authority of the apostolic see, as was attempted before in the council of Sardica.

Aquileia was the second city of the Western Empire, and by some called the second Rome. It was the metropolis of Istria, Forum Julium, and Venetia; and its subjection to the see of Rome, is manifest by the decretal epistle of Leo I. directed to Nicetas, bishop of this city; for the pope begins his epistle thus: “Regressus ad nos filius meus Adeodatus Diaconus Sedis

* The city of Sirmium is the metropolis of Illyricum. I therefore am bishop of that city: and upon him who confesseth not, that the Son of God is eternal and co-eternal with the Father, who even fills eternity, I pronounce anathema.



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itineris, ab apostolico illis onerosum fuerit ordinari, ipsi se invicem Mediolanensis et Aquileiensis ordinare episcopos debuissent.”* These words imply that the ordination of these two bishops belonged to the see of Rome. When Laurentius, bishop of Millain, had excommunicated Magnus, one of his presbyters, and was dead, Gregory the Great absolved Magnus, and sent the pallium to the new elected bishop Constantius; † whom the next year he reprehended of partiality in judging Fortunatus, and commanded him to send Fortunatus to Rome to be judged there: ‡ four years after he appointed the bishops of Millain and Ravenna to hear the cause of one Maximus; § and two years after, viz. A. C. 601, when Constantius was dead, and the people of Millain had elected Deusdedit his successor, and the Lombards had elected another, Gregory wrote ¶ to the notary, clergy, and people of Millain, that by the authority of his letters Deusdedit should be ordained, and that he

* It was an ancient custom, that the bishops of Millain and Aquileia should in turn ordain each other, inasmuch as, considering the distance and the difficulty of the journey, it would have been burdensome for them to have been ordained by the apostolical bishop of Rome.

Apud Gratianum de Mediolanensi et Aquileiensi Episcopis.

† Greg. M. lib. 3. Epist. 26. et lib. 4. Epist. 1.

‡ Greg. lib. 5. Epist. 4.

§ Greg. lib. 9. Epist. 10 et 67.

¶ Greg. lib. 11. Epist. 3, 4.

whom the Lombards had ordained was an unworthy successor of Ambrose : whence I gather, that the church of Millain had continued in this state of subordination to the see of Rome ever since the days of Ambrose ; for Ambrose himself acknowledged the authority of that see.* *Ecclesia Romana, saith he, hanc consuetudinem non habet, cujus typum in omnibus sequimur, et formam.*† And a little after : *In omnibus cupio sequi Ecclesiam Romanam.*‡ And in his commentary upon 1 Tim. iii. *Cum totus mundus Dei sit, tamen domus ejus ecclesia dicitur, cujus hodie rector est Damasus.*§ In his oration on the death of his brother Satyrus, he relates how his brother coming to a certain city of Sardinia, *advocavit episcopum loci, percontatusque est ex eo utrum cum episcopis Catholicis hoc est cum Romana ecclesia conveniret?* || And in conjunction with the synod of Aquileia A. C. 381, in a synodical epistle to the emperor Gratian, he saith : *Totius orbis Romani caput Romanam Ecclesiam, atque illam sacrosanctam Apostolorum fidem, ne turbari*

* Ambros. l. 3. de sacramentis, c. 1.

† The Church of Rome, whose form and model we follow in all things, hath not this custom.

‡ In all things I desire to follow the Church of Rome.

§ Since the whole universe is God's, yet the church is called his dwelling place, of which church Damasus is the ruler.

|| Summoned the Bishop of the diocese, and inquired of him, whether or no it accorded with the Catholic Bishops, or what was synonymous, with the Church of Rome.

sineret, obsècranda fuit clementia vestra; inde enim in omnes venerandæ communionis jura dimanant.* The churches, therefore, of Aquileia and Millain were subject to the see of Rome from the days of the emperor Gratian. Auxentius, the predecessor of Ambrose, was not subject to the see of Rome, and consequently the subjection of the church of Millain began in Ambrose. This diocese of Millain contained Liguria with Insubria, the Alpes Cottiaë and Rhætia; and was divided from the diocese of Aquileia by the river 'Addua. In the year 844, the bishop of Millain broke off from the see of Rome, and continued in this separation about 200 years, as is thus related by Sigonius: † Eodem anno Angilbertus Mediolanensis Archiepiscopus ab Ecclesia Romana parum comperta de causa descivit, tantumque exemplo in posterum valuit, ut non nisi post ducentos annos Ecclesia Mediolanensis ad Romanæ obedientiam auctoritatemque redierit. ‡

* Your Clemency was to be entreated not to allow the Church of Rome, the Head of the whole Roman world, or that most holy Apostolic Faith to be disturbed, for from these do laws proceed to all who are of the blessed communion.

† Sigonius de Regno Italiaë, lib. 5.

‡ The same year Angilbert, the Archbishop of Millain, from some cause little known, dissented from the Church of Rome. And so far did his example prevail in after times, that two hundred years had elapsed before the Church of Millain could be brought to return to the obedience and authority of Rome.



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Ravenna should be kept:* to this John returned a submissive answer; and after his death, pope Gregory ordered a visitation of the church of Ravenna, confirmed the privileges heretofore granted them, and sent his Pallium, as of ancient custom, to their new Bishop Marinian. Yet this church revolted sometimes from the Church of Rome, but returned again to its obedience.

The rest of Italy, with the islands adjacent, containing the suburbicarian regions, or ten provinces under the temporal vicar of Rome, viz. Campania,¹ Tuscia,² and Umbria,³ Picenum suburbicarium,⁴ Sicily,⁵ Apulia and Brutii,⁶ and Lucania,⁷ Samnium,⁸ Sardinia, Corsica, and Valeria,¹⁰ constituted the proper province of the bishop of Rome. For the council of Nice in their fifth canon ordained that councils should be held every spring and autumn in every province; and according to this canon, the bishops of this province met at Rome every half year. In this sense, pope Leo I. applied this canon to Rome, in a decretal epistle to the bishops of Sicily, written Alippio et Ardabure Coss. A. C. 447. “Quia sabuberrime,” saith he, “à sanctis patribus constitutum est, binos in annis singulis episcoporum debere esse con-

* Greg. M. lib. 3. Epist. 56, 57. and lib. 5. Epist. 25, 26. 56.

ventus, terni semper ex vobis ad diem tertium Kalendarum Octobrium Romam æterno concilio sociandi occurrant. Et indissimulanter à vobis hæc consuetudo servetur, quoniam adjuvante Dei gratiâ facilius poterit provideri, ut in Ecclesiis Christi nulla scandala, nulli nascantur errores; cum coram Apostolo Petro semper in communionem tractatum fuerit, ut omnia canonum decreta apud omnes domini sacerdotes inviolata permaneant.”* The province of Rome therefore comprehended Sicily, with so much of Italy and the neighbouring islands as sent bishops to the annual councils of Rome; but extended not into the provinces of Ravenna, Aquileia, Millain, Arles, &c. those provinces having councils of their own. The bishops in every province of the Roman Empire were convened in council by the Metropolitan or Bishop of the head city of the province, and this bishop pre-

* Written in the Consulate of Alippius and Ardaburius, A. C. 447. Since it is a most wholesome constitution of the holy Fathers, that two conventions of Bishops ought to be holden in every year; let three of you always come to Rome on the 5th day of October, in order to meet the eternal council. And let this custom be observed by you most faithfully, in as much, as with the co-operating favour of God, we shall, by this means, be the better enabled to forestall any scandals or errors which may spring up in the churches of Christ, since it was ever treated of in the Catholic assembly in the presence of the Apostle Peter, that all the decrees of the Canons should remain inviolate with every priest of the Lord.

sided in that Council: but the Bishop of Rome did not only preside in his own Council of the Bishops of the suburbicarian regions, but also gave orders to the Metropolitans of all the other Provinces in the Western Empire, as their universal governor; as may be further perceived by the following instances.

Pope Zosimus, A. C. 417, cited Proculus Bishop of Marseilles to appear before a Council at Rome for illegitimate ordinations; and condemned him, as he mentions in several of his epistles. Pope Boniface I., A. C. 419, upon a complaint of the clergy of Valentia against Maximus a bishop, summoned the bishops of all Gallia and the seven Provinces to convene in a council against him; and saith in his epistle, that his predecessors had done the like. Pope Leo I. called a general council of all the Provinces of Spain to meet in Gallæcia against the Manichees and Priscillianists, as he says in his decretal epistle to Turribius a Spanish bishop. And in one of his decretal epistles to Nicetas Bishop of Aquileia, he commands him to call a council of the bishops of that province against the Pelagians, which might ratify all the synodal decrees which had been already ratified by the See of Rome against this heresy. And in his decretal epistle to Anastasius, Bishop of Thessalonica, he ordained that that bishop should hold two provincial councils every year,



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sufficiently shew the monarchical form of government then set up in the churches of the Western Empire under the Bishop of Rome, by means of the imperial decree of Gratian, and the appeals and decretal epistles grounded thereupon.

The same Pope Leo, having in a Council at Rome passed sentence upon Hilary Bishop of Arles, for what he had done by a provincial Council in Gallia, took occasion from thence to procure the following edict from the Western Emperor Valentinian III. for the more absolute establishing the authority of his See over all the churches of the western empire.

“Impp. Theodosius et Valentinianus AA. Aetio Viro illustri, Comiti et Magistro utriusque militiae et Patricio.

“Certum est et nobis et imperio nostro unicum esse praesidium in supernae Divinitatis favore, ad

greater Cities, to undertake a more extensive charge; through whom the care of the whole church should pass to the single Chair of Peter, so that there may be no dissention from the head downwards. Let him, then, who knows that he himself is placed over others, not be offended that another is set over him, but let him render that obedience which he himself also demands, and as he is not willing to bear a heavy burden, so let him not dare place upon others a burden which they cannot support.

quem promerendum præcipue Christiana fides et veneranda nobis religio suffragatur. Cum igitur sedis Apostolicæ primatum sancti Petri meritum, qui princeps est episcopalis coronæ et Romanæ dignitas civitatis, sacræ etiam Synodi firmavit auctoritas: ne quid præter auctoritatem sedis istius illicitum præsumptio attemperare nitatur: tunc enim demum ecclesiarum pax ubique servabitur, si rectorem suum agnoscat Universitas. Hæc cum hactenus inviolabiliter fuerint custodita, Hilarius Arelatensis, sicut venerabilis viri Leonis Romani Papæ fidei relatione comperimus, contumaci ausu illicita quædam præsumenda tentavit, et ideo Transalpinas Ecclesias abominabilis tumultus invasit, quod recens maximè testatur exemplum. Hilarius enim qui Episcopus Arelatensis vocatur, Ecclesiæ Romanæ urbis inconsulto pontifice indebitas sibi ordinationes episcoporum solâ temeritate usurpans invasit. Nam alios incompetenter removit; indecenter alios, invitis et repugnantibus, civibus, ordinavit. Qui quidem, quoniam non facile ab his qui non elegerant, recipiebantur, manum sibi contrahebat armatam, et claustra murorum in hostilem morem vel obsidione cingebat, vel aggressionem reserabat, et ad sedem quietis pacem prædicaturus per bella ducebat. His talibus contra Imperii majestatem, et contra reverentiam Apostolicæ sedis admissis, per ordinem religiosi viri Urbis Papæ cognitione

discussis, certa in eum, ex his quos malè ordina-
verat, lata sententia est. Erat quidem ipsa sen-
tentia per Gallias etiam sine imperiali sanctione
valitura : quid enim Pontificis auctoritate non
liceret? Sed nostram quoque præceptionem
hæc ratio provocavit. Nec ulterius vel Hilario,
quem adhuc episcopum nuncupare sola man-
sueta Præsulis permittit humanitas, nec cuiquam
alteri ecclesiasticis rebus arma miscere, aut
præceptis Romani Antistitis liceat obviare :
ausibus enim talibus fides et reverentia nostri
violatur imperii. Nec hoc solum, quod est
maximi criminis, submovemus : verum ne levis
saltem inter ecclesias turba nascatur, vel in
aliquo minui religionis disciplina videatur,
hoc perenni sanctione discernimus ; nequid tam
episcopis Gallicanis quam aliarum provincia-
rum contra consuetudinem veterem liceat, sine
viri venerabilis Papæ Urbis æternæ auctoritate,
tentare. Sed illis omnibusque pro lege sit
quicquid sanxit vel sanxerit Apostolicæ sedis
auctoritas : ita ut quisquis episcoporum ad judi-
cium Romani Antistitis evocatus venire neglexe-
rit, per moderatorem ejusdem provinciæ adesse
cogatur, per omnia servatis quæ Divi parentes
nostri Romanæ ecclesiæ detulerunt, Aetî pater
carissime Augusti. Unde illustris et præclara
magnificentia tua præsentis edictalis legis auc-
toritate faciet quæ sunt superius statuta ser-
vari, decem librarum auri multa protinus exi-



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enjoined an absolute obedience to the will of the Bishop of Rome throughout all the churches of his empire ; and declares, that for the bishops

means of war. Such outrages as these having been committed against the Majesty of the Empire, and against the reverence of the Apostolical Chair, and settled in their order by the judgment of the Religious the Pope of the City, a finite sentence is passed upon him, concerning those whom he had unlawfully ordained. That sentence indeed would have been valid throughout both Gauls, even without the imperial sanction, for what is not allowable upon the authority of the Pope alone? But this matter has called forth our injunction also. And let it no longer be permitted, either to Hilary, whom the gracious kindness alone of the Pope allows us to style Bishop, or to any other, to introduce arms into the affairs of the Church, or to oppose the commands of the Bishop of Rome: for by such audacity the faith and reverence of our empire is violated. Nor do we remove this only, which is indeed a great evil; but also, lest even a slight contention should arise among the churches, or the discipline of our religion should appear in anything to be lessened, we make this decree, with our constant sanction, that it be never allowable for the Gallican Churches, or those of the other Provinces, to undertake any thing which is opposed to antient custom, without the authority of the Venerable the Pope of the Eternal City. But let whatever the authority of the Apostolical Chair has already, or shall ever have sanctioned, be as a law to them and to all; so that whatever Bishop may have neglected to appear, when summoned to the judgment of the Pope of Rome, let him be compelled by the Moderator of the same Province to be present; those things which our Holy Fathers have handed down to the Romish Church, being thus in all cases observed, O Ætius, most dear father of Augustus. Whence let your illustrious and renowned greatness, upon the authority of the present Edict, cause the things above decreed to be observed, and ten pounds

to attempt any thing without the pope's authority, is contrary to antient custom, and that the bishops summoned to appear before his judicature must be carried thither by the governor of the province; and he ascribes these privileges of the See of Rome to the concessions of his dead ancestors, that is, to the edict of Gratian and Valentinian II. as above: by which reckoning this dominion of the church of Rome was now of 66 years standing: and if in all this time it had not been sufficiently established, this new edict was enough to settle it beyond all question throughout the Western Empire.

Hence all the bishops of the province of Arles in their letter to Pope Leo, A. C. 450, petitioning for a restitution of the privileges of their Metropolitan, say: "Per beatum Petrum Apostolorum principem, sacrosancta Ecclesia Romana tenebat supra omnes totius mundi Ecclesias principatum."* And Ceratins, Salonius, and Veranus, three Bishops of Gallia, say, in their Epistle to the same Pope: "Magna

of gold to be straightway demanded from each Judge who may have allowed our commands to be violated. May the Deity, O most dear Father, preserve you through many years. Given at Rome, the 5th day of June, in the Consulate of Valentinian Augustus the VIth. A. C. 445.

* By the authority of the blessed Peter, the most Holy Roman Church held the principality over all the Churches of the whole world.

præterea et ineffabili quadam nos peculiare tui gratulatione succrescimus, quod illa specialis doctrinæ vestræ pagina ita per omnium Ecclesiarum conventicula celebratur, ut vere consona omnium sententia declaretur; merito illic principatum Sedis Apostolicæ constitutum, unde adhuc Apostolici spiritus oracula reserentur.*

And Leo himself, in his Epistle to the metropolitan bishops throughout Illyricum: † “ Quia per omnes Ecclesias cura nostra distenditur, exigente hoc à nobis Domino, qui Apostolicæ dignitatis beatissimo Apostolo Petro primatum, fidei sui remuneratione commisit, universalem Ecclesiam in fundamenti ipsius soliditate constituens. ‡

While this Ecclesiastical Dominion was rising up, the northern barbarous nations invaded the Western Empire, and founded several kingdoms therein, of different religions from

* We, moreover, your servant, increase in great and unspeakable congratulation, for that the special page of your doctrine is so celebrated throughout the assemblies of all the churches, as that the opinion of all may be declared consonant; that the principality of the Apostolical Chair is there constituted, whence, up to this time, all the oracles of the Apostolical Spirit may be unfolded.

† Epist. 25, apud Holstenium.

‡ Because our charge is extended throughout all the Churches, the Lord requiring this at our hands, who has entrusted to the most blessed Apostle Peter the office of Primate of the Apostolical dignity, as a remuneration for his faith: and hath established the Universal Church on the strength of his foundation.



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a Calendar year of 360 days, and a day for a solar year. After which “the judgment is to sit, and they shall take away his dominion,”* not at once, but by degrees, to consume, and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall,” by degrees, “be given unto the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”†

* Dan. vii. 26.

† Ver. 27.

CHAPTER IX.

OF THE KINGDOMS REPRESENTED IN DANIEL BY THE
RAM AND HE-GOAT.

THE second and third empires, represented by the Bear and Leopard, are again represented by the Ram and He-Goat; but with this difference, that the Ram represents the kingdoms of the Medes and Persians from the beginning of the four empires, and the Goat represents the kingdom of the Greeks to the end of them. By this means, under the type of the Ram and He-Goat, the times of all the four empires are again described: "I lifted up mine eyes," saith Daniel, "and saw, and behold there stood before the river [Ulai] a Ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.—And the Ram having two horns, are the kings of Media and Persia:"* not two persons but two kingdoms, the kingdoms of Media and Persia; and the kingdom of Persia was

* Dan. viii. 3.

the higher horn and came up last. The kingdom of Persia rose up, when Cyrus having newly conquered Babylon, revolted from Darius King of the Medes, and beat him at Pasargadæ, and set up the Persians above the Medes. This was the horn which came up last. And the horn which came up first was the kingdom of the Medes, from the time that Cyaxares and Nebuchadnezzar overthrew Nineveh, and shared the empire of the Assyrians between them. The empires of Media and Babylon were contemporary, and rose up together by the fall of the Assyrian Empire; and the prophecy of the four beasts begins with one of them, and that of the Ram and He-goat with the other. As the Ram represents the kingdom of Media and Persia from the beginning of the four empires; so the He-goat represents the empire of the Greeks to the end of those monarchies. In the reign of his great horn, and of the four horns which succeeded it, he represents this empire during the reign of the Leopard: and in the reign of his little horn, which stood up in the latter time of the kingdom of the four, and after their fall became mighty, but not by his own power, he represents it during the reign of the fourth beast.

“The rough goat,” saith Daniel, “is the king of Grecia,” that is, the kingdom; “and the great horn between his eyes is the first king:”



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of the Greeks. And at that time the transgressors came to the full: for then the high-priesthood was exposed to sale, the vessels of the temple were sold to pay for the purchase; and the High-priest, with some of the Jews, procured a licence from Antiochus Epiphanes to do after the ordinances of the heathen, and set up a school at Jerusalem for teaching those ordinances. Then Antiochus took Jerusalem with an armed force, slew 4,000 Jews, took as many prisoners and sold them, spoiled the temple, interdicted the worship, commanded the law of Moses to be burnt, and set up the worship of the heathen gods in all Judea. In the very same year, An. Nabonass. 580, the Romans conquered Macedonia, the chief of the four horns. Hitherto the Goat was mighty by its own power, but henceforward began to be under the Romans. Daniel distinguishes the times, by describing, very particularly, the actions of the kings of the north and south, those two of the four horns which bordered upon Judea, until the Romans conquered Macedonia: and thenceforward only touching upon the main revolutions which happened within the compass of the nations represented by the Goat. In this latter period of time the little horn was to stand up and grow mighty, but not by his own power.

The three first of Daniel's beasts had their

dominions taken away, each of them at the rise of the next beast; but their lives were prolonged, and they are all of them still alive. The third beast, or Leopard, reigned in his four heads, till the rise of the fourth beast, or Empire of the Latins; and his life was prolonged under their power. This Leopard reigning in his four heads, signifies the same thing with the He-goat reigning in his four horns: and therefore the He-goat reigned in his four horns till the rise of Daniel's fourth beast, or Empire of the Latins: then its dominion was taken away by the Latins, but its life was prolonged under their power. The Latins are not comprehended among the nations represented by the He-goat in this prophecy; their power over the Greeks is only named in it, to distinguish the times in which the He-goat was mighty by his own power, from the times in which he was mighty but not by his own power. He was mighty by his own power till his dominion was taken away by the Latins; after that, his life was prolonged under their dominion, and this prolonging of his life was in the days of his last horn: for in the days of this horn the Goat became mighty, but not by his own power.

Now because this horn was a horn of the Goat, we are to look for it among the nations which composed the body of the Goat. Among

those nations he was to rise up and grow mighty: he grew mighty “towards the south, and towards the east, and towards the pleasant land;”* and therefore he was to rise up in the north-west parts of those nations, and extend his dominion towards Egypt, Syria, and Judea. In the latter time of the kingdom of the four horns, it was to rise up out of one of them and subdue the rest, but not by its own power. It was to be assisted by a foreign power, a power superior to itself, the power which took away the dominion of the third beast, the power of the fourth beast. And such a little horn was the kingdom of Macedonia, from the time that it became subject to the Romans. This kingdom, by the victory of the Romans over Perseus, King of Macedonia, Anno Nabonass. 580, ceased to be one of the four horns of the Goat, and became a dominion of a new sort: not a horn of the fourth beast, for Macedonia belonged to the body of the third: but a horn of the third beast of a new sort, a horn of the Goat which grew mighty but not by its own power, a horn which rose up and grew potent under a foreign power, the power of the Romans.

The Romans, by the legacy of Attalus, the last King of Pergamus, An. Nabonass. 615,

* Dan. viii. 9.



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“the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, standing in the holy place.” It may relate chiefly to the worship of Jupiter Olympius in his temple built by the Emperor Hadrian, in the place of the temple of the Jews, and to the revolt of the Jews under Barchochab occasioned thereby, and to the desolation of Judea which followed thereupon; all the Jews being thenceforward banished Judea upon pain of death. “Then I heard,” saith Daniel, “one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”* Daniel’s days are years; and these years may perhaps be reckoned either from the destruction of the temple by the Romans, in the reign of Vespasian, or from the pollution of the Sanctuary by the worship of Jupiter Olympius, or from the desolation of Judea, made in the end of the Jewish war, by the banishment of all the Jews out of their own country, or from some other period, which time will discover. Henceforward the last horn of the Goat continued mighty under the Ro-

* Dan. viii. 13, 14.

mans, till the reign of Constantine the Great and his sons : and then by the division of the Roman Empire between the Greek and Latin Emperors, it separated from the Latins, and became the Greek Empire alone, but yet under the dominion of a Roman family ; and at present it is mighty under the dominion of the Turks.

This last horn is by some taken for Antiochus Epiphanes, but not very judiciously. A horn of a beast is never taken for a single person : it always signifies a new kingdom, and the kingdom of Antiochus was an old one. Antiochus reigned over one of the four horns, and the little horn was a fifth under its proper kings. This horn was at first a little one, and waxed exceeding great, but so did not Antiochus. It is described great above all the former horns, and so was not Antiochus. His kingdom, on the contrary, was weak, and tributary to the Romans, and he did not enlarge it. The horn was a “ King of fierce countenance, and destroyed wonderfully, and prospered and practised ;” that is, he prospered in his practices against the holy people : but Antiochus was frightened out of Egypt by a mere message of the Romans, and afterwards routed and baffled by the Jews. The horn was mighty by another’s power, Antiochus acted by his own. The horn stood up against the Prince of the host of heaven, the Prince of Princes ;

and this is the character, not of Antiochus, but of Anti-christ. The horn cast down the Sanctuary to the ground, and so did not Antiochus ; he left it standing. The Sanctuary and Host were trampled under foot 2,300 days ; and in Daniel's Prophecies days are put for years : but the profanation of the temple, in the reign of Antiochus, did not last so many natural days. These were to last till the time of the end, till the last end of the indignation against the Jews ; and this indignation is not yet at an end. They were to last till the Sanctuary which had been cast down should be cleansed, and the Sanctuary is not yet cleansed.

This prophecy of the Ram and He-goat is repeated in the last prophecy of Daniel. There the Angel tells Daniel, that " he stood up to strengthen Darius the Mede, and that there should stand up yet three kings in Persia, [Cyrus, Cambyses, and Darius Hystaspis,] and the fourth [Xerxes] should be far richer than they all ; and by his wealth through his riches he should stir up all against the realm of Grecia."* This relates to the Ram, whose two horns were the kingdoms of Media and Persia. Then he goes on to describe the horns of the Goat by the " standing up of a mighty king, which should rule with great dominion, and do according to

* Dan. xi. 1, 2.



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the year of Nabonassar 580 ; and thirty five years after, by the last will and testament of Attalus, the last king of Pergamus, they inherited that rich and flourishing kingdom, that is, all Asia on this side Mount Taurus : and sixty nine years after, they conquered the kingdom of Syria, and reduced it into a province : and thirty four years after they did the like to Egypt. By all these steps the Roman arms stood up over the Greeks. And after 95 years more, by making war upon the Jews, “ they polluted the sanctuary of strength, and took away the daily sacrifice, and,” in its room soon after, “ placed the abomination which made” the land “ desolate :” for this abomination was placed after the days of Christ, Matt. xxiv. 15. In the 16th year of the Emperor Hadrian, A. C. 132, they placed this abomination by building a temple to Jupiter Capitolinus, where the temple of God in Jerusalem had stood. Thereupon the Jews, under the conduct of Barchochab, rose up in arms against the Romans, and in that war had 50 cities demolished, 985 of their best towns destroyed, and 580,000 men slain by the sword : and in the end of the war, A. C. 136, they were all banished Judea upon pain of death ; and that time the land hath remained desolate of its old inhabitants.

Now that the prophetic Angel passes, in this

manner, from the four kingdoms of the Greeks to the Romans reigning over the Greeks, is confirmed from hence, that in the next place he describes the affairs of the Christians unto the time of the end, in these words: “And they that understand among the people shall instruct many, yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by spoil many days. Now when they shall fall they shall be holpen with a little help,” viz. in the reign of Constantine the Great; “but many shall cleave to them with dissimulation. And some of them of understanding there shall fall to try them, and to purge” them from the dissemblers; “and to make them white even to the time of the end.”* And a little after, the time of the end is said to be “a time, times, and half a time:” which is the duration of the reign of the last horn of Daniel’s fourth beast, and of the woman and her beast in the Apocalypse.

* Dan. xi. 33, &c.

CHAPTER X.

OF THE PROPHECY OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS.

THE vision of the image composed of four metals was given first to Nebuchadnezzar, and then to Daniel in a dream: and Daniel began then to be celebrated for revealing of secrets, Ezek. xxviii. 3. The vision of the four beasts, and of *the Son of Man* coming in the clouds of heaven, was also given to Daniel in a dream. That of the Ram and the He-goat appeared to him in the day time, when he was by the bank of the River Ulay; and was explained to him by the prophetic angel Gabriel. It concerns the *Prince of the Host*, and the *Prince of Princes*: and now in the first year of Darius the Mede over Babylon, the same prophetic angel appears to Daniel again, and explains to him what is meant by the *Son of Man*, by the *Prince of the Host*, and the *Prince of Princes*. The prophecy of the *Son of Man* coming in the clouds of heaven relates to the second coming of *Christ*; that of the *Prince of*



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but in troublesome times ; and after the three-score and two weeks, the Anointed shall be cut off, and * it shall not be his ; but the people of a Prince to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary : and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war, desolations are determined.

“ Yet shall he confirm the covenant with many for one week : and in half a week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease : and upon a wing of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that which is determined be poured upon the desolate. †

“ Seventy weeks are cut out upon thy people, and upon thy holy city, to finish transgression,” &c. Here, by putting a week for seven years, are reckoned 490 years from the time that the dispersed Jews should be re-incorporated into a people ‡ and a holy city, until the death and resurrection of Christ ; whereby “ transgressions should be finished, and sins ended, iniquity be expiated, and everlasting righteousness brought in, and this vision be accomplished, and the prophet consummated,” that prophet whom the Jews expected ; and whereby

* Jerusalem.

† Dan. ix. 24, 25, 26, 27.

‡ See Isaiah xxiii. 13.

the Most Holy should be *anointed*, he who is therefore in the next words called the *Anointed*, that is, the Messiah, or the Christ. For by joining the accomplishment of the vision with the expiation of sins, the 490 years are ended with the death of Christ. Now the dispersed Jews became a people and city when they first returned into a polity, or body politic; and this was in the seventh year of Artaxerxes Longimanus, when Ezra returned with a body of Jews from captivity, and revived the Jewish worship; and by the king's commission, created magistrates in all the land, to judge and govern the people according to the laws of God and the king, Ezra vii. 25. There were but two returns from captivity, Zerubbabel's and Ezra's; in Zerubbabel's they had only commission to build the temple, in Ezra's they first became a polity or city by a government of their own. Now the years of this Artaxerxes began about two or three months after the summer solstice, and his seventh year fell in with the third year of the eightieth Olympiad; and the latter part thereof, wherein Ezra went up to Jerusalem, was in the year of the Julian Period 4257. Count the time from thence to the death of Christ, and you will find it just 490 years. If you count in Judaic years, commencing in autumn, and date the reckoning from the first autumn after Ezra's coming to Jerusalem, when

he put the king's decree in execution ; the death of Christ will fall on the year of the Julian Period 4747, Anno Domini 34 ; and the weeks will be Judaick weeks, ending with Sabbatical years ; and this I take to be the truth : but if you had rather place the death of Christ in the year before, as is commonly done, you may take the year of Ezra's journey into the reckoning.

“ Know also and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to cause to return and to build Jerusalem, unto the Anointed the Prince, shall be seven weeks.” The former part of the prophecy related to the first coming of Christ, being dated to his coming as a prophet ; this being dated to his coming to be Prince or King, seems to relate to his second coming. There, the prophet was consummate, and the most holy anointed ; here, he that was anointed comes to be Prince and to reign. For Daniel's Prophecies reach to the end of the world ; and there is scarce a prophecy in the Old Testament concerning Christ, which doth not in something or other relate to his second coming. If divers of the antients, as Irenæus,* Julius Africanus,† Hippolytus the Martyr, and Apollinaris Bishop of Laodicea, applied the half week to the times of Antichrist ; why may not

* Iren. l. 5. Hær. c. 25.

† Apud Hieron. in h. l.



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proper for a *Jubilee*, and of the highest nature for which a *Jubilee* can be kept: and that since *the commandment to return and to build Jerusalem*, precedes the *Messiah the Prince* 49 years; it may perhaps come forth not from the Jews themselves, but from some other kingdom friendly to them, and precede their return from captivity, and give occasion to it; and lastly, that this rebuilding of Jerusalem and the waste places of Judah is predicted in Micah vii. 11; Amos ix. 11, 14; Ezek. xxxvi. 33, 35, 36, 38; Isa. liv. 3. 11, 12; lv. 12; lxi. 4; lxv. 18, 21, 22; and Tobit xiv. 5. and that the return from captivity and coming of the Messiah and his kingdom are described in Daniel vii; Rev. xix; Acts i; Matt. xxiv; Joel iii; Ezek. xxxvi. xxxvii; Isa. lx. lxii. lxiii. lxv. and lxvi; and many other places of Scripture. The manner I know not. Let time be the interpreter.

“ Yet threescore and two weeks shall it return, and the street be built and the wall, but in troublesome times: and after the threescore and two weeks the Messiah shall be cut off, and it shall not be his; but the people of a Prince to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary,” &c. Having foretold both comings of Christ, and dated the last from their returning and building Jerusalem; to prevent the applying that to the building Jerusalem by Nehemiah, he distinguishes this from that, by saying that

from this period to the Anointed shall be, not seven weeks, but threescore and two weeks, and this not in prosperous but in troublesome times ; and at the end of these weeks the Messiah shall not be the Prince of the Jews, but be cut off ; and Jerusalem not be his, but the city and sanctuary be destroyed. Now Nehemiah came to Jerusalem in the 20th year of this same Artaxerxes, while Ezra still continued there, Nehem. xii. 36, and found the city lying waste, and the houses and wall unbuilt, Nehem. ii. 17 ; vii. 4, and finished the wall the 25th day of the month Elul, Nehem. vi. 15, in the 28th year of the King, that is, in September in the year of the Julian Period 4278. Count now from this year threescore and two weeks of years, that is 434 years, and the reckoning will end in September in the year of the Julian Period 4712, which is the year in which Christ was born, according to Clemens Alexandrinus, Irenæus, Eusebius, Epiphanius, Jerome, Orosius, Cassiodorus, and other antients. And this was the general opinion, till Dionysius Exiguus invented the vulgar account, in which Christ's birth is placed two years later. If with some you reckon that Christ was born three or four years before the vulgar account, yet his birth will fall in the latter part of the last week, which is enough. How after these weeks

Christ was cut off, and the city and sanctuary destroyed by the Romans, is well known.

“ Yet shall he confirm the covenant with many for one week.” He kept it, notwithstanding his death, till the rejection of the Jews, and calling of Cornelius and the Gentiles in the seventh year after his passion.

“ And in half a week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease ;” that is, by the war of the Romans upon the Jews : which war, after some commotions, began in the 13th year of Nero, A. D. 67, in the spring, when Vespasian with an army invaded them ; and ended in the second year of Vespasian, A. D. 70, in autumn, Sept. 7, when Titus took the city, having burnt the temple 27 days before : so that it lasted three years and an half.

“ And upon a wing of abominations he shall cause desolation, even until the consummation, and that which is determined be poured upon the desolate.” The prophets, in representing kingdoms by beasts and birds, put their wings stretched out over any country for their armies sent out to invade and rule over that country. Hence a wing of abominations is an army of false gods : for an abomination is often put in Scripture for a false god ; as where Chemosh is called the abomination of Moab, and Molech



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the years are Jewish *Luni-solar years*,* as they ought to be; and the *seventy weeks of years* are *Jewish weeks* ending with *sabbatical years*,

* The antient solar years of the eastern nations consisted of twelve months, and every month of thirty days: and hence came the division of a circle into 360 degrees. This year seems to be used by Moses in his history of the flood, and by John in the Apocalypse, where a time, times, and half a time, 42 months and 1260 days, are put equipollent. But in reckoning by many of these years together, an account is to be kept of the odd days, which were added to the end of these years. For the Egyptians added five days to the end of this year; and so did the Chaldeans long before the times of Daniel, as appears by the æra of Nabonassar: and the Persian Magi used the same year of 365 days, till the Empire of the Arabians. The antient Greeks also used the same solar year of 12 equal months, or 360 days; but every other year added an intercalary month, consisting of 10 and 11 days alternately.

The year of the Jews, even from their coming out of Egypt, was Luni-solar. It was solar, for the harvest always followed the passover, and the fruits of the land were always gathered before the feast of Tabernacles, Levit. xxiii. But the months were lunar, for the people were commanded by Moses in the beginning of every month to blow with trumpets, and offer burnt offerings with their drink offerings, Num. x. 10; xxviii. 11, 14, and this solemnity was kept on the new moons, Psalm lxxxi. 3, 4, 5; 1 Chron. xxiii. 31. These months were called by Moses the first, second, third, fourth month, &c. and the first month was also called *Abib*, the second *Zif*, the seventh *Ethanim*, the eighth *Bull*, Exod. xiii. 4; 1 Kings vi. 37, 38; viii. 2. But in the Babylonian captivity the Jews used the names of the Chaldean months, and by those names understood the months of their own year; so that the Jewish months then lost their old names, and are now called by those of the Chaldeans.

which is very remarkable. For they end either with the year of the birth of Christ, two years before the vulgar account, or with the year of his death, or with the seventh year after it: all which are *sabbatical years*. Others either count by lunar years, or by weeks not Judaick: and, which is worst, they ground their interpretations on erroneous chronology, excepting the opinion of Funccius about the *seventy weeks*, which is the same with ours. For they place Ezra and Nehemiah in the reign of Artaxerxes Mnemon, and the building of the temple in the reign of Darius Nothus, and date the weeks of Daniel from those two reigns.

The Jews began their civil year from the autumnal Equinox, and their sacred year from the vernal: and the first day of the first month was on the visible new moon, which was nearest the Equinox.

Whether Daniel used the Chaldaic or Jewish year, is not very material; the difference being but six hours in a year, and four months in 480 years. But I take his months to be Jewish: first, because Daniel was a Jew, and the Jews even by the names of the Chaldean months understood the months of their own year: secondly, because this prophecy is grounded on Jeremiah's, concerning the 70 years captivity, and therefore must be understood of the same sort of years with the seventy; and those are Jewish, since that prophecy was given in Judea before the captivity: and lastly, because Daniel reckons by weeks of years, which is a way of reckoning peculiar to the Jewish years. For as their days ran by sevens, and the last day of every seven was a Sabbath; so their years ran by sevens, and the last year of every seven was a sabbatical year, and seven such weeks of years made a Jubilee.

The grounds of the chronology here followed, I will now set down as briefly as I can.

The Peloponnesian war began in spring An. 1 Olymp. 87, as Diodorus, Eusebius, and all other authors agree. It began two months before Pythodorus ceased to be Archon, Thucyd. l. 2. that is, in April, two months before the end of the Olympic year. Now the years of this war are most certainly determined by the 50 years distance of its first year from the transit of Xerxes inclusively, Thucyd. l. 2 or 48 years exclusively, Eratosth. apud Clem. Alex. by the 69 years distance of its end, or 27th year, from the beginning of Alexander's reign in Greece; by the acting of the Olympic games in its 4th and 12th years, Thucyd. l. 5; and by three eclipses of the sun, and one of the moon, mentioned by Thucydides and Xenophon. Now Thucydides, an unquestionable witness, tells us, that the news of the death of Artaxerxes Longimanus was brought to Ephesus, and from thence by some Athenians to Athens, in the 7th year of this Peloponnesian war, when the winter half year was running; and therefore he died An. 4. Olymp. 88, in the end of An. J. P. 4289, suppose a month or two before midwinter; for so long the news would be in coming. Now Artaxerxes Longimanus reigned 40 years, by the consent of Diodorus, Eusebius, Jerome, Sulpitius; or 41, according to



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Zechary compared together, it is manifest that his years began after the 24th day of the 11th Jewish month, and before the 25th day of April, and by consequence about March. Xerxes therefore began in spring An. J. P. 4229 : for Darius died in the fifth year after the battle at Marathon, as Herodotus, lib. 7, and Plutarch mention ; and that battle was in October An. J. P. 4224, ten years before the battle at Salamis. Xerxes therefore began within less than a year after October An. J. P. 4228, suppose in the spring following : for he spent his first five years, and something more, in preparations for his expedition against the Greeks ; and this expedition was in the time of the Olympic games, An. 1 Olymp. 75, Calliade Athenis Archonte, 28 years after the Regifuge, and Consulship of the first Consul Junius Brutus, Anno Urbis conditæ 273, Fabio et Furio Coss. The passage of Xerxes's army over the Hellespont began in the end of the fourth year of the 74th Olympiad, that is, in June An. J. P. 4234, and took up one month : and in autumn, three months after, on the full moon, the 16th day of the month Munychion, was the battle at Salamis, and a little after that an eclipse of the sun, which by the calculation fell on October 2. His sixth year therefore began a little before June, suppose in spring An. J. P. 4234, and his first year consequently in spring An. J. P. 4229, as

above. Now he reigned almost twenty-one years, by the consent of all writers. Add the seven months of Artabanus, and the sum will be 21 years and about four or five months, which end between midsummer and autumn An. J. P. 4250. At this time, therefore, began the reign of his successor Artaxerxes, as was to be proved.

The same thing is also confirmed by Julius Africanus, who informs us out of former writers, that the 20th year of this Artaxerxes was the 115th year from the beginning of the reign of Cyrus in Persia, and fell in with An. 4 Olymp. 83. It began, therefore, with the Olympic year, soon after the summer solstice, An. J. P. 4269. Subtract nineteen years, and his first year will begin at the same time of the year An. J. P. 4250, as above.

His 7th year, therefore, began after midsummer An. J. P. 4256; and the journey of Ezra to Jerusalem in the spring following fell on the beginning of An. J. P. 4257, as above.

CHAPTER XI.

OF THE TIMES OF THE BIRTH AND PASSION OF CHRIST.

THE times of the birth and passion of Christ, with such like niceties, being not material to religion, were little regarded by the Christians of the first age. They who began first to celebrate them, placed them in the cardinal periods of the year ; as the annunciation of the Virgin Mary, on the 25th of March, which, when Julius Cæsar corrected the calendar, was the vernal equinox ; the feast of John Baptist on the 24th of June, which was the summer solstice ; the feast of St. Michael on Sept. 29, which was the autumnal equinox ; and the birth of Christ on the winter solstice, December 25, with the feasts of St. Stephen, St. John, and the Innocents, as near it as they could place them. And because the solstice in time removed from the 25th of December to the 24th, the 23d, the 22d, and so on backwards, hence some in the following centuries placed the birth of Christ on December 23, and at length on December 20 : and for the same reason they seem to have set



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Sulpicius Severus, Prosper, and as many as place the death of Christ in the 15th or 16th year of Tiberius, make Christ to have preached but one year, or at most but two. At length Eusebius discovered four successive passovers in the Gospel of John, and thereupon set on foot an opinion that he preached three years and an half; and so died in the nineteenth year of Tiberius. Others afterwards, finding the opinion that he died in the equinox March 25, more consonant to the times of the Jewish passover, in the 17th and 20th years, have placed his death in one of those two years. Neither is there any greater certainty in the opinions about the time of his birth. The first Christians placed his baptism near the beginning of the 15th year of Tiberius; and thence reckoning thirty years backwards, placed his birth in the 43d Julian year, the 42d of Augustus and 28th of the Actiac victory. This was the opinion which obtained in the first ages, till Dionysius Exiguus, placing the baptism of Christ in the 16th year of Tiberius, and misinterpreting the text of Luke iii. 23, as if Jesus was only beginning to be thirty years old when he was baptized, invented the vulgar account, in which his birth is placed two years later than before. As therefore relating to these things there is no tradition worth considering; let us lay aside all and examine what prejudices can be gathered from records of good account.

The fifteenth year of Tiberius began Aug. 28, An. J. P. 4727. So soon as the winter was over, and the weather became warm enough, we may reckon that John began to baptize; and that before next winter his fame went abroad, and all the people came to his baptism, and Jesus among the rest. Whence the first passover after his baptism, mentioned John ii. 13, was in the 16th year of Tiberius. After this feast Jesus came into the land of Judea, and staid there baptizing, whilst John was baptizing in Ænon, John iii. 22, 23. But when he heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee, Matt. iii. 12, being afraid, because the Pharisees had heard that he baptized more disciples than John, John iv. 1, and in his journey he passed through Samaria four months before the harvest, John iv. 35, that is, about the time of the winter solstice. For their harvest was between Easter and Whitsunday, and began about a month after the vernal equinox. “Say not ye,” saith he, “there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest;” meaning, that the people in the fields were ready for the Gospel, as his next words shew.* John there-

* I observe, that Christ and his forerunner John in their parabolical discourses were wont to allude to things present. The old prophets, when they would describe things emphati-

fore was imprisoned about November, in the 17th year of Tiberius; and Christ thereupon went from Judea to Cana of Galilee in Decem-

cally, did not only draw parables from things which offered themselves, as from the rent of a garment, 1 Sam. xv. from the sabbatick year, Isaiah xxxvii. from the vessels of a potter, Jer. xviii. &c.; but also when such fit objects were wanting, they supplied them by their own actions, as by rending a garment, 1 Kings xi. by shooting, 2 Kings xiii. by making bare their body, Isa. xx. by imposing significant names to their sons, Isa. viii. Hos. i. by hiding a girdle in the bank of Euphrates, Jer. xiii. by breaking a potter's vessel, Jer. xix. by putting on fetters and yokes, Jer. xxvii. by binding a book to a stone, and casting them both into Euphrates, Jer. li. by besieging a painted city, Ezek. iv. by dividing hair into three parts, Ezek. v. by making a chain, Ezek. vii. by carrying out household stuff like a captive and trembling, Ezek. xii. &c. By such kind of types the prophets loved to speak. And Christ being endued with a nobler prophetic spirit than the rest, excelled also in this kind of speaking, yet so as not to speak by his own actions, that was less grave and decent, but to turn into parables such things as offered themselves. On occasion of the harvest approaching, he admonishes his disciples once and again of the spiritual harvest, John iv. 35. Matt. ix. 37. Seeing the lilies of the field, he admonishes his disciples about gay clothing, Matt. vi. 28. In allusion to the present season of fruits, he admonishes his disciples about knowing men by their fruits, Matt. vii. 16. In the time of the passover, when trees put forth leaves, he bids his disciples "learn a parable from the fig-tree: when its branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," &c. Matt. xxiv. 32. Luke xxi. 29. The same day, alluding both to the season of the year and to his passion, which was to be two days after, he formed a parable of the time of fruits approaching, and the murdering of the heir, Matt. xxi. 33.



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heard he was returned into Galilee, and went to him, and desired him to come and cure his son, he went not thither yet, but only said, “Go thy way, thy son liveth;” and the nobleman returned and found it so, and believed, he and his house, John iv. This is the beginning of his miracles in Galilee; and thus far John is full and distinct in relating the actions

of the Pharisees, Matt. xvi. 6. Being desired to eat, he answered that he had other meat, John iv. 31. In the great day of the feast of Tabernacles, when the Jews, as their custom was, brought a great quantity of waters from the river Shiloah into the temple, Christ stood and cried, saying, “If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth in me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water,” John vii. 37. The next day, in allusion to the servants who by reason of the sabbatical year were newly set free, he said, “If ye continue in my word, the truth shall make you free.” Which the Jews understanding literally with respect to the present manumission of servants, answered, “We be Abraham’s seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, ye shall be made free?” John viii. They assert their freedom by a double argument: first, because they were the seed of Abraham, and therefore newly made free, had they been ever in bondage; and then, because they never were in bondage. In the last passover, when Herod led his army through Judea against Aretas King of Arabia, because Aretas was aggressor and the stronger in military forces, as appeared by the event; Christ alluding to that state of things, composed the parable of a weaker king leading his army against a stronger who made war upon him, Luke xiv. 31. And I doubt not but divers other parables were formed upon other occasions, the history of which we have not.

of his first year, omitted by the other Evangelists. The rest of his history is from this time related more fully by the other Evangelists than by John ; for what they relate he omits.

From this time therefore Jesus taught in the synagogues of Galilee on the Sabbath-days, being glorified of all : and coming to his own city Nazareth, and preaching in their synagogue, they were offended, and thrust him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which the city was built to cast him headlong ; but he passing through the midst of them, went his way, and came and dwelt at Capernaum, Luke iv. And by this time we may reckon the second passover was either past or at hand.

All this time Matthew passeth over in few words, and here begins to relate the preaching and miracles of Christ. “ When Jesus,” saith he, “ had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee ; and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt at Capernaum, and from that time began to preach, and say, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” Matt. iv. 12. “ Afterwards he called his disciples Peter, Andrew, James, and John ; and then went about all Galilee, teaching in the synagogues,—and healing all manner of sickness,—and his fame went throughout all Syria ; and they brought unto him all sick people,—and there

followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan," Matt. iv. 18. 25. All this was done before the sermon in the mount: and therefore we may certainly reckon that the second passover was past before the preaching of that sermon. The multitudes that followed him from Jerusalem and Judea, shew that he had lately been there at the feast. The sermon in the mount was made when great multitudes came to him from all places, and followed him in the open fields; which is an argument of the summer season: and in this sermon he pointed at the lilies of the field then in the flower before the eyes of his auditors. "Consider," saith he, "the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is and to-morrow is cast into the oven, &c." Matt. vi. 28. So therefore the grass of the field was now in the flower, and by consequence the month of March with the passover was past.

Let us see, therefore, how the rest of the feasts follow in order in Matthew's Gospel: for he was an eye-witness of what he relates, and so tells all things in due order of time, which Mark and Luke do not.



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when he had received a message from John, and answered it, he said to the multitudes, “ From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence ;” and upbraided the cities, Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum, wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not, Matt. xi. Which several passages shew, that from the imprisonment of John till now there had been a considerable length of time: the winter was now past, and the next passover was at hand; for immediately after this, Matthew, in chap. xii. subjoins, that “ Jesus went on the Sabbath-day through the corn, and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn and to eat,—rubbing them,” saith Luke, “ in their hands :” the corn, therefore, was not only in the ear, but ripe; and consequently the passover, in which the first-fruits were always offered before the harvest, was now come or past. Luke calls this Sabbath *δευτερόπρωτον*, the second prime Sabbath, that is, the second of the two great feasts of the passover. As we call Easter-day high Easter, and its octave low Easter or Lowsunday: so Luke calls the feast on the seventh day of the unleavened bread, the second of the two prime Sabbaths.

In one of the Sabbaths following he went into a synagogue, and healed a man with a withered hand, Matt. xii. 9; Luke vi. 6. And

when the Pharisees took counsel to destroy him, “ he withdrew himself from thence, and great multitudes followed him ; and he healed them all, and charged them that they should not make him known,” Matt. xii. 14. Afterwards being in a ship, and the multitude standing on the shore, he spake to them three parables together, taken from the seedsmen sowing the fields, Matt. xiii., by which we may know that it was now seed-time, and by consequence that the feast of tabernacles was past. After this he went “ into his own country, and taught them in their synagogue, but did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.” Then the twelve having been abroad a year, returned, and told Jesus all that they had done : and at the same time Herod beheaded John in prison, and his disciples came and told Jesus ; and when Jesus heard it, he took the twelve and departed thence privately by ship into a desert place belonging to Bethsaida : and the people when they knew it, followed him on foot out of the cities, the winter being now past ; and he healed their sick, and in the desert fed them to the number of five thousand men, besides women and children, with only five loaves and two fishes, Matt. xiv., Luke ix., at the doing of which miracle the passover of the Jews was nigh, John vi. 4. But Jesus went not up to this feast ; but after these things

walked in Galilee, because the Jews at the passover before had taken counsel to destroy him, and still sought to kill him, John vii. 1. Henceforward therefore he is found first in the coast of Tyre and Sidon, then by the sea of Galilee, afterwards in the coast of Cæsarea Philippi; and lastly at Capernaum, Matt. xv. 21. 29; xvi. 13; xvii. 34.

Afterwards when the feast of tabernacles was at hand, his brethren upbraided him for walking secretly, and urged him to go up to the feast. But he went not till they were gone, and then went up privately, John vii. 2, and when the Jews sought to stone him, he escaped, John viii. 59. After this he was at the feast of the dedication in winter, John x. 22, and when they sought again to take him, he fled beyond Jordan, John x. 39, 40; Matt. xix. 1, where he stayed till the death of Lazarus, and then came to Bethany near Jerusalem, and raised him, John xi. 7. 18, whereupon the Jews took counsel from that time to kill him: and “therefore he walked no more openly among the Jews, but went thence into a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there continued with his disciples till the last passover, in which the Jews put him to death,” John xi. 53, 54.

Thus have we, in the Gospels of Matthew and John compared together, the history of



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a year in all the cities, returned to Christ; and at the same time Herod beheaded John in prison, after he had been in prison two years and a quarter: and thereupon Christ fled into the desert for fear of Herod. The fourth Christ went not up to Jerusalem for fear of the Jews, who at the passover before had consulted his death, and because his time was not yet come. Thenceforward therefore till the feast of tabernacles he walked in Galilee, and that secretly for fear of Herod: and after the feast of tabernacles he returned no more into Galilee, but sometimes was at Jerusalem, and sometimes retired beyond Jordan, or to the city Ephraim by the wilderness, till the passover in which he was betrayed, apprehended, and crucified.

John therefore baptized two summers, and Christ preached three. The first summer John preached to make himself known, in order to give testimony to Christ. Then, after Christ came to his baptism and was made known to him, he baptized another summer, to make Christ known by his testimony; and Christ also baptized the same summer, to make himself the more known: and by reason of John's testimony there came more to Christ's baptism than to John's. The winter following John was imprisoned; and now his course being at an end, Christ entered upon his proper office of preaching in the cities. In the beginning of

his preaching he completed the number of the twelve apostles, and instructed them all the first year in order to send them abroad. Before the end of this year, his fame by his preaching and miracles was so far spread abroad, that the Jews at the passover following consulted how to kill him. In the second year of his preaching, it being no longer safe for him to converse openly in Judea, he sent the twelve to preach in all their cities: and in the end of the year they returned to him, and told him all they had done. All the last year the twelve continued with him to be instructed more perfectly, in order to their preaching to all nations after his death. And upon the news of John's death, being afraid of Herod as well as of the Jews, he walked this year more secretly than before; frequenting desarts, and spending the last half of the year in Judea, without the dominions of Herod.

Thus have we in the Gospels of Matthew and John all things told in due order, from the beginning of John's preaching to the death of Christ, and the years distinguished from one another by such essential characters that they cannot be mistaken. The second passover is distinguished from the first, by the interposition of John's imprisonment. The third is distinguished from the second, by a double character: first, by the interposition of the feast to which

Christ went up, Matt. viii. 19; Luke ix. 57; and secondly, by the distance of time from the beginning of Christ's preaching: for the second was in the beginning of his preaching, and the third so long after, that before it came Christ said, "from the days of John the Baptist until now," &c. and upbraided the cities of Galilee for their not repenting at his preaching, and mighty works done in all that time. The fourth is distinguished from the third, by the mission of the twelve from Christ to preach in the cities of Judea in all the interval. The fifth is distinguished from all the former by the twelve's being returned from preaching, and continuing with Christ during all the interval, between the fourth and fifth, and by the passion and other infallible characters.

Now since the first summer of John's baptizing fell in the fifteenth year of the Emperor Tiberius, and by consequence the first of these five passovers in his sixteenth year; the last of them, in which Jesus suffered, will fall on the twentieth year of the same Emperor; and by consequence in the Consulship of Fabius and Vitellius, in the 79th Julian year, and year of Christ 34, which was the sabbatical year of the Jews. And that it did so, I further confirm by these arguments.

I take it for granted that the passion was on Friday, the 14th day of the month Nisan, the



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celebrate the new moon before there was any. And the Jews still keep a tradition in their books, that the Sanhedrim used diligently to define the new moons by sight: sending witnesses into mountainous places, and examining them about the moon's appearing, and translating the new moon from the day they had agreed on to the day before, as often as witnesses came from distant regions, who had seen it a day sooner than it was seen at Jerusalem. Accordingly Josephus, one of the Jewish Priests who had ministered in the temple, tells us that the Passover was kept on the 14th day of Nisan, *κατα σελτώτω, according to the moon, when the sun was in Aries.** This is confirmed also by two instances, recorded by him, which totally overthrow the hypothesis of the Jews using a vicious cycle. For that year in which Jerusalem was taken and destroyed, he saith, the Passover was on the 14th day of the month Xanticus, which according to Josephus is our April: and that five years before, it fell on the 8th day of the same month. Which two instances agree with the course of the moon.

Computing therefore the new moons of the first month according to the course of the moon and the rule Jah, and thence counting 14 days, I find that the 14th day of this month in the

* Joseph. Antiq. lib. 3. c. 10.

year of Christ 31, fell on Tuesday, March 27 ; in the year 32, on Sunday, April 13 ; in the year 33, on Friday, April 3 ; in the year 34, on Wednesday, March 24, or rather, for avoiding the Equinox which fell on the same day, and for having a fitter time for harvest, on Thursday, April 22 ; also in the year 35, on Tuesday, April 12, and in the year 36, on Saturday, March 31.

But because the 15th and 21st days of Nisan, and a day or two of Pentecost, and the 10th, 15th, and 22d of Tisri, were always sabbatical days, or days of rest, and it was inconvenient on two sabbaths together to be prohibited burying their dead and making ready fresh meat, for in that hot region their meat would be apt in two days to corrupt ; to avoid these and such like inconveniences, the Jews postponed their months a day, as often as the first day of the month Tisri, or, which is all one, the third of the month Nisan, was Sunday, Wednesday, or Friday : and this rule they called אדו Adu, by the letters א, ד, ו, signifying the numbers 1, 4, 6 ; that is, the 1st, 4th, and 6th days of the week ; which days we call Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday. Postponing, therefore, by this rule the months found above ; the 14th day of the month Nisan will fall in the year of Christ 31, on Wednesday, March 28 ; in the year 32, on Monday, April 14 ; in the year 33, on Friday, April 3 ;

in the year 34, on Friday, April 23; in the year 35, on Wednesday, April 13; and in the year 36, on Saturday, March 31.

By this computation therefore the year 32 is absolutely excluded, because the Passion cannot fall on Friday without making it five days after the full moon, or two days before it; whereas it ought to be upon the day of the full moon, or the next day. For the same reason the years 31 and 35 are excluded, because in them the Passion cannot fall on Friday, without making it three days after the full moon, or four days before it: errors so enormous, that they would be very conspicuous in the heavens to every vulgar eye. The year 36 is contended for by few or none, and both this and the year 35 may be thus excluded.

Tiberius, in the beginning of his reign, made Valerius Gratus President of Judea; and after 11 years, substituted Pontius Pilate, who governed 10 years. Then Vitellius, newly made President of Syria, deprived him of his honour, substituting Marcellus, and at length sent him to Rome: but, by reason of delays, Tiberius died before Pilate got thither. In the meantime Vitellius, after he had deposed Pilate, came to Jerusalem in the time of the Passover, to visit that province as well as others in the beginning of his office; and in the place of Caiaphas, then High Priest, created Jonathas



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of the Passover fell on April 20 following, that is, 35 days after the death of Tiberius : so that there were about 36 or 38 days, for the news of his death to come from Rome to Vitellius at Jerusalem : which being a convenient time for that message, confirms that the feast, which Vitellius and Herod now went up to, was the Passover. For had it been the Pentecost, as is usually supposed, Vitellius would have continued three months ignorant of the Emperor's death : which is not to be supposed. However, the things done between this feast and the Passover which Vitellius was at before, namely, the stirring up a sedition in Parthia, the quieting that sedition, the making a league after that with the Parthians, the sending news of that league to Rome, the receiving new orders from thence to go against the Arabians, and the putting those orders in execution ; required much more time than the fifty days between the Passover and Pentecost of the same year : and therefore the Passover which Vitellius first went up to, was in the year before. Therefore Pilate was deposed before the Passover A. C. 36, and by consequence the passion of Christ was before that Passover : for he suffered not under Vitellius, nor under Vitellius and Pilate together, but under Pilate alone.

Now it is observable that the high Priesthood was at this time become an annual office, and

the Passover was the time of making a new high Priest. For Gratus the predecessor of Pilate, saith Josephus, made Ismael high Priest after Ananus; and a while after, suppose a year, deposed him; and substituted Eleazar, and a year after Simon, and after another year Caiaphas: and then gave way to Pilate. So Vitellius at one Passover made Jonathas successor to Caiaphas, and at the next Theophilus to Jonathas. Hence Luke tells us, that in the 15th year of Tiberius, Annas and Caiaphas were high Priests, that is, Annas till the Passover, and Caiaphas afterwards. Accordingly John speaks of the high Priesthood as an annual office: for he tells us again and again, in the last year of Christ's preaching, that Caiaphas was high Priest for that year, John xi. 49. 51. xviii. 13. And the next year Luke tells you, that Annas was high Priest, Acts iv. 6. Theophilus was therefore made high Priest in the first year of Caius, Jonathas in the 22d year of Tiberius, and Caiaphas in the 21st year of the same Emperor: and therefore, allotting a year to each, the passion, when Annas succeeded Caiaphas, could not be later than the 20th year of Tiberius, A. C. 34.

Thus there remain only the years 33 and 34 to be considered; and the year 33 I exclude by this argument. In the Passover two years before the Passion, when Christ went through

the corn, and his disciples plucked the ears, and rubbed them with their hands to eat; this ripeness of the corn shews that the Passover then fell late: and so did the Passover A. C. 32, April 14, but the Passover A. C. 31, March 28th, fell very early. It was not therefore two years after the year 31, but two years after 32 that Christ suffered.

Thus all the characters of the Passion agree to the year 34; and that is the only year to which they all agree.



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kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides those.”* Alexander the Great having conquered all the Persian Empire, and some part of India, died at Babylon a month before the summer solstice, in the year of Nabonassar 425: and his captains gave the monarchy to his bastard brother Philip Aridæus, a man disturbed in his understanding; and made Perdicas administrator of the kingdom. Perdicas with their consent made Meleager commander of the army, Seleucus master of the horse, Craterus treasurer of the kingdom, Antipater governor of Macedon and Greece, Ptolemy governor of Egypt, Antigonus governor of Pamphylia, Lycia, Lycaonia, and Phrygia major, Lysimachus governor of Thrace, and other captains governors of other Provinces; as many as had been so before in the days of Alexander the Great. The Babylonians began now to count by a new æra, which they called the æra of Philip, using the years of Nabonassar, and reckoning the 425th year of Nabonassar to be the first year of Philip. Roxana, the wife of Alexander, being left big with child, and about three or four months after brought to bed of a son, they called him Alexander, saluted him King, and joined him with Philip, whom they had before placed in the throne. Philip reigned

* Dan. xi. 2, 3, 4.

three years under the administratorship of Perdiccas, two years more under the administratorship of Antipater, and above a year more under that of Polyperchon; in all six years and four months; and then was slain with his Queen Eurydice in September by the command of Olympias the mother of Alexander the Great. The Greeks being disgusted at the cruelties of Olympias, revolted to Cassander the son and successor of Antipater. Cassander affecting the dominion of Greece, slew Olympias; and soon after shut up the young king Alexander, with his mother Roxana, in the castle of Amphipolis, under the charge of Glaucias, An. Nabonass. 432. The next year Ptolemy, Cassander, and Lysimachus, by means of Seleucus, formed a league against Antigonus; and after certain wars made peace with him, An. Nabonass. 438, upon these conditions: that Cassander should command the forces of Europe till Alexander the son of Roxana came to age; and that Lysimachus should govern Thrace, Ptolemy, Egypt and Lybia, and Antigonus all Asia. Seleucus had possessed himself of Mesopotamia, Babylonia, Susiana, and Media, the year before. About three years after Alexander's death he was made governor of Babylon by Antipater; then was expelled by Antigonus; but now he recovered and enlarged his government over a great part of the East: which gave occasion

to a new æra, called *Æra Seleucidarum*. Not long after the peace made with Antigonus, Diodorus saith the same Olympic year; Cassander, seeing that Alexander the son of Roxana grew up, and that it was discoursed throughout Macedonia that it was fit he should be set at liberty, and take upon him the government of his father's kingdom, commanded Glaucias the governor of the castle to kill Roxana and the young king Alexander her son, and conceal their deaths. Then Polyperchon set up Hercules, the son of Alexander the Great by Barsinè, to be king; and soon after, at the solicitation of Cassander, caused him to be slain. Soon after that, upon a great victory at sea got by Demetrius the son of Antigonus over Ptolemy, Antigonus took upon himself the title of king, and gave the same title to his son. This was An. Nabonass. 441. After his example, Seleucus, Cassander, Lysimachus, and Ptolemy, took upon themselves the title and dignity of kings, having abstained from this honour while there remained any of Alexander's race to inherit the crown. Thus the monarchy of the Greeks for want of an heir was broken into several kingdoms; four of which, seated *to the four winds of heaven*, were very eminent. For Ptolemy reigned over Egypt, Lybia, and Ethiopia; Antigonus, over Syria and the lesser Asia; Lysimachus, over Thrace; and Cas-



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him ; and Pyrrhus invading Macedon, corrupted the army of Demetrius, put him to flight, seized his kingdom, and shared it with Lysimachus. After seven months, Lysimachus beating Pyrrhus, took Macedon from him, and held it five years and a half, uniting the kingdoms of Macedon and Thrace. Lysimachus in his wars with Antigonus and Demetrius, had taken from them Caria, Lydia, and Phrygia ; and had a treasury in Pergamus, a castle on the top of a conical hill in Phrygia, by the river Caicus, the custody of which he had committed to one Philetærus, who was at first faithful to him, but in the last year of his reign revolted. For Lysimachus, having at the instigation of his wife Arsinoe, slain first his own son Agathocles, and then several that lamented him ; the wife of Agathocles fled with her children and brothers, and some others of their friends, and solicited Seleucus to make war upon Lysimachus ; whereupon Philetærus also, who grieved at the death of Agathocles, and was accused thereof by Arsinoe, took up arms, and sided with Seleucus. On this occasion Seleucus and Lysimachus met and fought in Phrygia ; and Lysimachus being slain in the battle, lost his kingdom to Seleucus, An. Nabonass. 465. Thus the Empire of the Greeks, which at first brake into four kingdoms, became now reduced into two notable ones, henceforward called by

Daniel the kings of the South and North. For Ptolemy now reigned over Egypt, Lybia, Ethiopia, Arabia, Phœnicia, Cœlosyria, and Cyprus ; and Seleucus, having united three of the four kingdoms, had a dominion scarce inferior to that of the Persian Empire, conquered by Alexander the Great. All which is thus represented by Daniel: “ And the king of the South [Ptolemy] shall be strong, and one of his Princes [Seleucus, one of Alexander’s Princes] shall be strong above him, and have dominion ; his dominion shall be a great dominion.”*

After Seleucus had reigned seven months over Macedon, Greece, Thrace, Asia, Syria, Babylonia, Media, and all the East as far as India ; Ptolemy Ceraunus, the younger brother of Ptolemy Philadelphus king of Egypt, slew him treacherously, and seized his dominions in Europe : while Antiochus Soter, the son of Seleucus, succeeded his father in Asia, Syria, and most of the East ; and after nineteen or twenty years was succeeded by his son Antiochus Theos ; who having a lasting war with Ptolemy Philadelphus, at length composed the same by marrying Berenice the daughter of Philadelphus : but after a reign of fifteen years, his first wife Laodice poisoned him, and set her son Seleucus Callinicus upon the throne. Callini-

* Dan. xi. 5.

cus in the beginning of his reign, by the impulse of his mother Laodice, besieged Berenice in Daphne, near Antioch, and slew her with her young son and many of her women. Whereupon Ptolemy Euergetes, the son and successor of Philadelphus, made war upon Callinicus; took from him Phœnicia, Syria, Cilicia, Mesopotamia, Babylonia, Susiana, and some other regions; and carried back into Egypt 40,000 talents of silver, and 2,500 images of the gods, amongst which were the gods of Egypt carried away by Cambyses. Antiochus Hierax at first assisted his brother Callinicus, but afterwards contended with him for Asia. In the mean time Eumenes, governor of Pergamus, beat Antiochus, and took from them both all Asia westward of mount Taurus. This was in the fifth year of Callinicus, who, after an inglorious reign of 20 years, was succeeded by his son Seleucus Ceraunus; and Euergetes after four years more, An. Nabonass. 527, was succeeded by his son Ptolemy Philopator. All which is thus signified by Daniel: “And in the end of years they [the kings of the South and North] shall join themselves together: for the king’s daughter of the South [Berenice] shall come to the king of the North to make an agreement, but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall she stand, nor her seed, but she shall be delivered up, and he [Callinicus] that brought her, and he whom she



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army of 78,000: but Ptolemy coming out of Egypt with an army of 75,000, fought and routed him at Raphia near Gaza, between Palestine and Egypt; and recovered all Phœnicia and Cœlosyria, Ann. Nabonass. 532. Being puffed up with this victory, and living in all manner of luxury, the Egyptians revolted, and had wars with him, but were overcome: and in the broils sixty thousand Egyptian Jews were slain. All which is thus described by Daniel: “But his sons [Seleucus Ceraunus, and Antiochus Magnus, the sons of Callinicus] shall be stirred up, and shall gather a great army; and he [Antiochus Magnus] shall come effectually and overflow, and pass through and return, and [again the next year] be stirred up [marching even] to his fortress, [the frontier towns of Egypt;] and the king of the South shall be moved with choler, and come forth [the third year] and fight with him, even with the king of the North; and he [the king of the North] shall lead forth a great multitude, but the multitude shall be given into his hand. And the multitude being taken away, his heart shall be lifted up, and he shall cast down many ten thousands; but he shall not be strengthened by it: for the king of the North shall return, &c.”*

About twelve years after the battle between

* Dan. xi. 10, &c.

Philopator and Antiochus, Philopator died; and left his kingdom to his young son Ptolemy Epiphanes, a child of five years old. Thereupon Antiochus Magnus confederated with Philip king of Macedon, that they should each invade the dominions of Epiphanes which lay next to them. Hence arose a various war between Antiochus and Epiphanes, each of them seizing Phœnicia and Cœlosyria by turns; whereby those countries were much afflicted by both parties. First Antiochus seized them; then one Scopas being sent with the army of Egypt, recovered them from Antiochus: the next year, An. Nabonass. 550, Antiochus fought and routed Scopas near the fountains of Jordan, besieged him in Sidon, took the city, and recovered Syria and Phœnicia from Egypt, the Jews coming over to him voluntarily. But about three years after, preparing for a war against the Romans, he came to Raphia on the borders of Egypt; made peace with Epiphanes, and gave him his daughter Cleopatra: next autumn he passed the Hellespont to invade the cities of Greece under the Roman protection, and took some of them; but was beaten by the Romans the summer following, and forced to return back with his army into Asia. Before the end of the year the fleet of Antiochus was beaten by the fleet of the Romans near Phocœa: and at the same time Epiphanes and Cleopatra sent an embassy

to Rome to congratulate the Romans on their success against their father Antiochus, and to exhort them to prosecute the war against him into Asia. The Romans beat Antiochus again at sea near Ephesus, passed their army over the Hellespont, and obtained a great victory over him by land, took from him all Asia westward of mount Taurus, gave it to the King of Pergamus who assisted them in the war; and imposed a large tribute upon Antiochus. Thus the king of Pergamus, by the power of the Romans, recovered what Antiochus had taken from him; and Antiochus retiring into the remainder of his kingdom, was slain two years after by the Persians, as he was robbing the temple of Jupiter Belus in Elymais, to raise money for the Romans. All which is thus described by Daniel: “ For the king of the North [Antiochus] shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former; and shall certainly come, after certain years, with a great army and with much riches. And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the South, [particularly the Macedonians;] also the robbers of thy people [the Samaritans, &c.] shall exalt themselves to establish the vision, but they shall fall. So the king of the North shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities; and the arms of the South shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither



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A little before the death of Philopator, his son Demetrius was sent hostage to Rome, in the place of Antiochus Epiphanes, the brother of Philopator; and Antiochus was at Athens in his way home from Rome, when Philopator died: whereupon Heliodorus the treasurer of the kingdom, stept into the throne. But Antiochus so managed his affairs, that the Romans kept Demetrius at Rome; and their ally the king of Pergamus expelled Heliodorus, and placed Antiochus in the throne, while Demetrius the right heir remained an hostage at Rome. Antiochus being thus made king by the friendship of the king of Pergamus reigned powerfully over Syria and the neighbouring nations: but carried himself much below his dignity, stealing privately out of his palace, rambling up and down the city in disguise with one or two of his companions; conversing and drinking with people of the lowest rank, foreigners and strangers; frequenting the meetings of dissolute persons to feast and revel; clothing himself like the Roman candidates and officers, acting their parts like a mimic; and in public festivals jesting and dancing with servants and light people, exposing himself by all manner of ridiculous gestures. This conduct made some take him for a madman, and call him Antiochus *Ἐπιμένης*. In the first year of his reign he deposed Onias the high Priest, and

sold the high-Priesthood to Jason the younger brother of Onias: for Jason had promised to give him 440 talents of silver for that office, and 150 more for a licence to erect a place of exercise for the training up of youth in the fashions of the heathen; which licence was granted by the king, and put in execution by Jason. Then the king sending one Apollonius into Egypt to the coronation of Ptolemy Philometor, the young son of Philometor and Cleopatra, and knowing Philometor not to be well affected to his affairs in Phœnicia, provided for his own safety in those parts; and for that end came to Joppa and Jerusalem, where he was honourably received; from thence he went in like manner with his little army to the cities of Phœnicia, to establish himself against Egypt, by courting the people, and distributing extraordinary favours amongst them. All which is thus represented by Daniel: “And in his [Philometor’s] estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they [the Syrians who set up Heliodorus] shall not give the honour of the kingdom. Yet he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries [made principally to the king of Pergamus;] and the arms [which in favour of Heliodorus oppose him] shall be overflowed with a flood from before him, and be broken; yea also [Onias the high Priest] the Prince of the covenant. And after the league

made with him, [the king of Egypt, by sending Apollonius to his coronation] he shall work deceitfully [against the king of Egypt,] for he shall come up and shall become strong [in Phœnicia] with a small people. And he shall enter into the quiet and plentiful cities of the Province [of Phœnicia ;] and [to ingratiate himself with the Jews of Phœnicia and Egypt, and with their friends] he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers fathers : he shall scatter among them the prey and the spoil, and the riches [exacted from other places ;] and shall forecast his devices against the strong holds [of Egypt] even for a time.*

These things were done in the first year of his reign, An. Nabonass. 573. And thenceforward he forecast his devices against the strong holds of Egypt, until the sixth year. For three years after, that is in the fourth year of his reign, Menelaus bought the high-Priesthood from Jason, but not paying the price was sent for by the king ; and the king, before he could hear the cause, went into Cilicia to appease a sedition there, and left Andronicus his deputy at Antioch ; in the mean time the brother of Menelans, to make up the money, conveyed several vessels out of the temple, selling some of them at Tyre, and sending others to Andronicus.

* Dan. xi. 21, &c.



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upon him to order the affairs of the kingdom. While Antiochus was thus employed, a report being spread in Phœnicia that he was dead, Jason to recover the high-Priesthood assaulted Jerusalem with above a thousand men, and took the city : hereupon the king thinking Judea had revolted, came out of Egypt in a furious manner, re-took the city, slew forty thousand of the people, made as many prisoners, and sold them to raise money ; went into the temple, spoiled it of its treasures, ornaments, utensils, and vessels of gold and silver, amounting to 1800 talents ; and carried all away to Antioch. This was done in the year of Nabonassar, 578, and is thus described by Daniel : “ And he shall stir up his power, and his courage against the king of the South with a great army ; and the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army ; but he shall not stand : for they,” even Antiochus and his friends, “ shall forecast devices against him,” as is represented above ; “ yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat, shall” betray and “ destroy him, and his army shall be overthrown, and many shall fall down slain. And both these king’s hearts shall be to do mischief ; and they,” being now made friends, “ shall speak lies at one table,” against the Jews and against the holy covenant ; “ but it shall not prosper : for yet the end,” in which the setting up of the

abomination of desolation is to prosper, “ shall be at the time appointed. Then shall he return into his land with great riches, and his heart shall be against the holy covenant ; and he shall act,” against it by spoiling the temple, “ and return into his own land.” *

The Egyptians of Alexandria seeing Philometor first educated in luxury by the Eunuch Eulæus, and now in the hands of Antiochus, gave the kingdom to Euergetes, the younger brother of Philometor. Whereupon Antiochus pretending to restore Philometor, made war upon Euergetes ; beat him at sea, and besieged him and his sister Cleopatra in Alexandria : while the besieged Princes sent to Rome to implore the assistance of the Senate. Antiochus finding himself unable to take the city that year, returned into Syria, leaving Philometor at Memphis to govern Egypt in his absence. But Philometor made friendship with his brother that winter ; and Antiochus, returning the next spring, An. Nabonass. 580, to besiege both the brothers in Alexandria, was met in the way by the Roman Ambassadors, Popilius Læna, C. Decimius, and C. Hostilius : he offered them his hand to kiss, but Popilius delivering to him the tables wherein the message of the Senate was written, bad him read those first. When he had

* Dan. xi. 25, &c.

read them, he replied he would consider with his friends what was fit to be done ; but Popilius drawing a circle about him, bad him answer before he went out of it : Antiochus, aſtoniſhed at this blunt and unusual imperiousness, made answer he would 'do what the Romans demanded ; and then Popilius gave the king his hand to kiss, and he returned out of Egypt. The same year, An. Nabonass. 580, his captains by his order spoiled and slaughtered the Jews, profaned the temple, set up the worship of the heathen gods in all Judea, and began to persecute and make war upon those who would not worship them : which actions are thus described by Daniel. “ At the time appointed he shall come again towards the South, but the latter shall not be as the former. For the ships of Chittim shall come, with an embassy from Rome, against him. Therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant. So shall he do ; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.” *

In the same year that Antiochus by the command of the Romans retired out of Egypt, and set up the worship of the Greeks in Judea ; the Romans conquered the kingdom of Macedon, the fundamental kingdom of the Empire of

* Dan. xi. 29, 30.



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Matt. xxiv. 15. In the 16th year of the Emperor Adrian, A. C. 132, they placed this abomination by building a temple to Jupiter Capitolinus, where the temple of God in Jerusalem had stood. Thereupon the Jews under the conduct of Barchochab rose up in arms against the Romans, and in the war had 50 cities demolished, 985 of their best towns destroyed, and 580,000 men slain by the sword; and in the end of the war, A. C. 136, were banished Judea upon pain of death, and thenceforward the land remained desolate of its old inhabitants.

In the beginning of the Jewish war in Nero's reign, the Apostles fled out of Judea with their flocks; some beyond Jordan to Pella and other places, some into Egypt, Syria, Mesopotamia, Asia Minor, and elsewhere. Peter and John came into Asia, and Peter went thence by Corinth to Rome; but John staying in Asia, was banished by the Romans into Patmos, as the head of a party of the Jews, whose nation was in war with the Romans. By this dispersion of the Christian Jews, the Christian religion, which was already propagated westward as far as Rome, spread fast into all the Roman Empire, and suffered many persecutions under it till the days of Constantine the Great and his sons: all which is thus described by Daniel. "And such as do wickedly against the cove-

nant, shall he, who places the abomination, cause to dissemble, and worship the heathen gods ; but the people among them who do know their God, shall be strong and act. And they that understand among the people, shall instruct many : yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, and by captivity, and by spoil many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help, viz. in the reign of Constantine the Great ; and at that time by reason of their prosperity, many shall come over to them from among the heathen, and cleave to them with dissimulation. But of those of understanding there shall still fall to try God's people by them, and to purge them from the dissemblers, and to make them white even to the time of the end : because it is yet for a time appointed." *

Hitherto the Roman Empire continued entire ; and under this dominion, the little horn of the He-goat continued *mighty, but not by his own power*. But now, by the building of Constantinople, and endowing it with a senate and other like privileges with Rome ; and by the division of the Roman Empire into the two Empires of the Greeks and Latins, headed by those two cities ; a new scene of things commences, in which a king, the Empire of the Greeks, “ doth

* Dan. xi. 32, &c.

according to his will, and, by setting his own laws above the laws of God, exalts and magnifies himself above every God, and speaks marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished.—Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the lawful desire of women in matrimony, nor any god, but shall magnify himself above all. And in his seat he shall honour Mahuzzims, that is, strong guardians, the souls of the dead; even with a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour them, in their temples, with gold and silver, and with precious stones and valuable things.”* All which relates to the over-spreading of the Greek Empire with Monks and Nuns, who placed holiness in abstinence from marriage; and to the invocation of saints and veneration of their reliques, and such like superstitions, which these men introduced in the fourth and fifth centuries. “And at the time of the end, the king of the South, or the Empire of the Saracens, shall push at him; and the king of the North, or Empire of the Turks, shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries of the Greeks, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall

* Dan. xi. 36, &c.



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CHAPTER XIII.

OF THE KING WHO DID ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, AND
MAGNIFIED HIMSELF ABOVE EVERY GOD, AND
HONOURED MAHUZZIMS, AND REGARDED NOT THE
DESIRE OF WOMEN.

IN the first ages of the Christian religion the Christians of every city were governed by a Council of Presbyters, and the President of the Council was the Bishop of the City. The bishop and presbyters of one city meddled not with the affairs of another city, except by admonitory letters or messages. Nor did the bishops of several cities meet together in council before the time of the Emperor Commodus : for they could not meet together without the leave of the Roman governors of the provinces. But in the days of that emperor they began to meet in provincial councils, by the leave of the governors ; first in Asia, in opposition to the Cataphrygian heresy, and soon after in other places and upon other occasions. The bishop of the chief city, or metropolis of the Roman province, was usually made president of the council ; and hence came the authority of metropolitan bishops above that of other bishops within the same

province. Hence also it was that the bishop of Rome in Cyprian's days called himself the Bishop of Bishops. As soon as the empire became Christian, the Roman Emperors began to call general councils out of all the provinces of the empire; and by prescribing to them what points they should consider, and influencing them by their interest and power, they set up what party they pleased. Hereby the Greek empire, upon the division of the Roman empire into the Greek and Latin empires, became *the king who, in matters of religion, did according to his will; and, in legislature, exalted and magnified himself above every god*: and at length, by the seventh general council, established the worship of the images and souls of dead men, here called Mahuzzims.

The same king placed holiness in abstinence from marriage. Eusebius in his Ecclesiastical History* tells us, that Musanus wrote a tract against those who fell away to the heresy of the Encratites, which was then newly risen, and had introduced pernicious errors; and that Tatian, the disciple of Justin, was the author thereof; and that Irenæus, in his first book against heresies, teaches this, writing of Tatian and his heresy in these words: "A Saturnino et Marcione profecti qui vocantur Continentes, docuerunt

* Lib. 4. c. 28, 29.

non contrahendum esse matrimonium; reprobantes scilicet primitivum illud opificium Dei, et tacitè accusantes Deum qui masculum et fæminam condidit ad procreationem generis humani. Induxerunt etiam abstinentiam ab esu eorum quæ animalia appellant, ingratos se exhibentes erga eum qui universa creavit Deum. Negant etiam primi hominis salutem. Atque hoc nuper apud illos excogitatum est, Tatiano quodam omnium primo hujus impietatis auctore: qui Justinii auditor, quamdiu cum illo versatus est, nihil ejusmodi protulit. Post martyrium autem illius, ab Ecclesia se abrumpens, doctoris arrogantia elatus ac tumidus, tanquam præstantior cæteris, novam quandam formam doctrinæ conflavit: Æonas invisibiles commentus perinde ac Valentinus: asserens quoque cum Saturnino et Marcione, matrimonium nihil aliud esse quam corruptionem ac stuprum: nova præterea argumenta ad subvertendam Adami salutem excogitans. Hæc Irenæus de Hæresi quæ tunc viguit Encratitarum.”* Thus far Eusebius. But although the followers of Tatian were

* From Saturninus and Marcio originated a sect called the Continent, or Continentes, who forbade to marry; even condemning that primitive ordinance of God, and indirectly accusing God for having created both male and female for the propagation of the human race. They also inculcated the necessity of abstaining from animal food, and thus proved themselves ungrateful to that God who has created all things for our use. They also denied the primitive purity of man. The author of this impiety



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Hitherto the principles of the Encratites had been rejected by the churches ; but now being refined by the monks, and imposed not upon all men, but only upon those who would voluntarily undertake a monastic life, they began to be admired, and to overflow first the Greek Church, and then the Latin also, like a torrent. Eusebius tells us,* that Constantine the Great had those men in the highest veneration, who dedicated themselves wholly to the divine philosophy ; and that he almost venerated the most holy company of Virgins perpetually devoted to God ; being certain that the God to whom he had consecrated himself did dwell in their minds. In his time and that of his sons, this profession of a single life was propagated in Egypt by Antony, and in Syria by Hilarion ; and spread so fast, that soon after the time of Julian the apostate a third part of the Egyptians were got into the deserts of Egypt. They lived first singly in cells, then associated into *cænobia* or convents ; and at length came into towns, and filled the churches with bishops, presbyters, and deacons. Athanasius in his younger days poured water upon the hands of his master Antony ; and finding the monks faithful to him, made many of them bishops and presbyters in Egypt : and these bishops erected new monas-

* In vita Constantini, l. 4. c. 28.

teries, out of which they chose presbyters of their own cities, and sent bishops to others. The like was done in Syria, the superstition being quickly propagated thither out of Egypt by Hilarion a disciple of Antony. Spiridion and Epiphanius of Cyprus, James of Nisibis, Cyril of Jerusalem, Eustathius of Sebastia in Armenia, Eusebius of Emisa, Titus of Bostra, Basilius of Ancyra, Acacius of Cæsarea in Palestine, Elpidius of Laodicea, Melitius and Flavian of Antioch, Theodorus of Tyre, Protogenes of Carrhæ, Acacius of Berrhæa, Theodotus of Hierapolis, Eusebius of Chalcedon, Amphilo-chius of Iconium, Gregory Nazianzen, Gregory Nyssen, and John Chrysostom of Constantino-ple, were both bishops and monks in the fourth century. Eustathius, Gregory Nazianzen, Gre-gory Nyssen, Basil, &c. had monasteries of clergymen in their cities, out of which bishops were sent to other cities ; who, in like manner erected monasteries there, till the churches were supplied with bishops out of these monasteries. Hence Jerome, in a letter written about the year 385, saith of the clergy :* “ Quasi et ipsi aliud sint quam Monachi, et non quicquid in Monachos dicitur redundet in Clericos qui patres sunt Mo-nachorum. Detrimentum pecoris pastoris igno-

* Epist. 10.

minia est.” And in his book against Vigilantius: “Quid facient Orientis Ecclesiæ? Quæ aut Virgines Clericos accipiunt, aut Continentes, aut si uxores habuerint mariti esse desistunt.”* Not long after even the Emperors commanded the churches to chuse clergymen out of the monasteries by this law.

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“Si quos forte Episcopi deesse sibi Clericos arbitrantur, ex monachorum numero rectius ordinabunt: non obnoxios publicis privatisque rationibus cum invidia teneant, sed habeant jam probatos.† Dat. vii. Kal. Aug. Honorio A. iv. et Eutychniano Coss. A. C. 398.” ‡ The Greek Empire being now in the hands of these Encratites, and having them in great admira-

* As if they themselves differed from the monks, and that whatever is said of the monks does not reflect against the clergy, who are the fathers of the monks. Any detriment to the flock is a disgrace to the shepherd. * * * * *

What will the Eastern Churches do, which receive only unmarried clergy, or the sect of the Continentes; or those who, if they have been married, are become divorced?

† L. 32. de Episcopis.

‡ If the Bishops stand in need of any more clergymen, they shall more properly elect them from among the monks—let them not invidiously hold these obnoxious from any private or public reasons; but consider them already well approved. Given on the 7th Cal. of Augt. Honourous, A. iv. and Eutychnianus being Consuls. A. C. 398.



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tullian in his book “ de Corona militis : ad omnem progressum atque promotum, ad omnem aditum et exitum, ad vestitum, ad calceatum, ad lavacra, ad mensas, ad lumina, ad cubilia, ad sedilia, quacunque nos conversatio exercet, frontem crucis signaculo terimus.” * All these superstitions the Apostle refers to, where he saith : “ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils,” the dæmons and ghosts worshipped by the heathens, “ speaking lies in hypocrisy,” about their apparitions, the miracles done by them, their reliques, and the sign of the cross, “ having consciences seared with a hot iron ; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats,” &c. 1 Tim. iv. 1, 2, 3. From the Cataphrygians these principles and practices were propagated down to posterity. “ For the mystery of iniquity did already work” in the Apostles days in the Gnosticks, continued to work very strongly in their offspring the Tatianists and Cataphrygians, and was to work “ till that man of sin should be revealed ; whose coming is after the

* At every stage of our progress, at every approach and departure, at dressing, at washing, at meals, at rising, at going to rest, at sitting down, in short, at every part of our daily conversation, we mark our forehead with the sign of the cross.

working of Satan, with all power and signs, and lying wonders, and all deceivableness of unrighteousness ;” coloured over with a form of Christian godliness, but without the power thereof, 2 Thess. ii. 7—10.

For though some stop was put to the Cataphrygian Christianity, by Provincial Councils, till the fourth century ; yet the Roman Emperors then turning Christians, and great multitudes of heathens coming over in outward profession, these found the Cataphrygian Christianity more suitable to their old principles, of placing religion in outward forms and ceremonies, holy-days, and doctrines of ghosts, than the religion of the sincere Christians : wherefore they readily sided with the Cataphrygian Christians, and established that Christianity before the end of the fourth century. By this means those of understanding, after they had been persecuted by the heathen Emperors in the three first centuries, and “ were holpen with a little help,” by the conversion of Constantine the Great and his sons to the Christian religion, fell under new persecutions, “ to purge them” from the dissemblers, “ and to make them white, even to the time of the end.”

CHAPTER XIV.

OF THE MAHUZZIMS, HONOURED BY THE KING WHO
DOTH ACCORDING TO HIS WILL.

IN Scripture we are told of some “trusting in God,” and others “trusting in idols,” and that “God is our refuge, our strength, our defence.” In this sense God is “the rock of his people,” and false gods are called “the rock of those that trust in them,” Deut. xxxii. 4. 15. 18. 30, 31. 37. In the same sense the gods of the king who “shall do according to his will” are called Mahuzzims, munitions, fortresses, protectors, guardians, or defenders. “In his estate,” saith Daniel, “shall he honour Mahuzzims; even with a god whom his fathers knew not, shall he honour them with gold and silver, and with precious stones, and things of value. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds or temples; —and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land among them for a possession.”* Now this came to pass by degrees in the following manner.

* Dan. xi. 38, 39.



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May-day with flowers, in the room of the Floralia; and the keeping of festivals to the Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and divers of the Apostles, in the room of the solemnities at the entrance of the sun into the signs of the Zodiac in the old Julian calendar. In the same persecution of Decius, Cyprian ordered the passions of the Martyrs in Africa to be registered, in order to celebrate their memories annually with oblations and sacrifices: and Felix Bishop of Rome, a little after, as Platina relates, “*Martyrum gloriæ consulens, constituit ut quotannis sacrificia eorum nomine celebrarentur;*”—“consulting the glory of the Martyrs, ordained that sacrifices should be celebrated annually in their name.” By the pleasures of these festivals the Christians increased much in number, and decreased as much in virtue, until they were *purged and made white* by the persecution of Dioclesian. This was the first step made in the Christian religion towards the veneration of the Martyrs: and though it did not yet amount to an unlawful worship; yet it disposed the Christians towards such a further veneration of the dead, as in a short time ended in the invocation of saints.

The next step was the affecting to pray at the sepulchres of the martyrs: which practice began in Dioclesian’s persecution. The Council of Eliberis in Spain, celebrated in the third

or fourth year of Dioclesian's persecution, A. C. 305, hath these canons. Can. 34. "Cereos per diem placuit in cœmeterio non incendi: inquietandi enim spiritus sanctorum non sunt. Qui hæc non observârint, arceantur ab ecclesiæ communione." Can. 35. "Placuit prohiberi ne fæminæ in cœmeterio pervigilent, eò quod sæpe sub obtentu orationis latentèr scelera committant."* Presently after that persecution, suppose about the year 314, the Council of Laodicea in Phrygia, which then met for restoring the lapsed discipline of the church, has the following canons. Can. 9. "Those of the church are not allowed to go into the cœmeteries or martyries, as they are called, of heretics, for the sake of prayer or recovery of health: but such as go, if they be of the faithful, shall be excommunicated for a time." Can. 34. "A Christian must not leave the martyrs of Christ, and go to false martyrs," that is, to the martyrs of the hereticks; "for these are alien from God: and therefore let those be anathema who go to them." Can. 51. "The birth-days of the martyrs shall not be celebrated in Lent, but their

* It is decreed that martyrs shall not be burned in the cœmeteries during the day; for the spirits of the saints are not to be disturbed. Those who shall not observe these things shall be separated from the communion of the church.

It is decreed that women shall be prohibited from keeping their vigils in the cœmeteries, because, under the pretence of prayer, they secretly commit abominations.

commemoration shall be made on the Sabbath-days and Lord's days." The Council of Paphlagonia, celebrated in the year 324, made this Canon: "If any man being arrogant, abominates the congregations of the martyrs, or the liturgies performed therein, or the memories of the martyrs, let him be anathema." By all which it is manifest that the Christians in the time of Dioclesian's persecution used to pray in the cœmeteries or burying-places of the dead; for avoiding the danger of the persecution, and for want of churches, which were all thrown down: and after the persecution was over, continued that practice in honour of the martyrs, till new churches could be built: and by use affected it as advantageous to devotion, and for recovering the health of those that were sick. It also appears that in these burying-places they commemorated the martyrs yearly upon days dedicated to them, and accounted all these practices pious and religious, and anathematized those men as arrogant who opposed them, or prayed in the martyries of the heretics. They also lighted torches to the martyrs in the day-time, as the heathens did to their gods; which custom, before the end of the fourth century, prevailed much in the West. They sprinkled the worshippers of the martyrs with holy water, as the heathens did the worshippers of their gods; and went in pilgrimage to see Jerusalem



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“ adored the wood of the cross, making its images on their foreheads, and before their houses.”

After the sepulchres of saints and martyrs were thus converted into places of worship like the heathen temples, and the churches into sepulchres, and a certain sort of sanctity attributed to the dead bodies of the saints and martyrs buried in them, and annual festivals were kept to them, with sacrifices offered to God in their name; the next step towards the invocation of saints, was the attributing to their dead bodies, bones and other reliques, a power of working miracles, by means of the separate souls, who were supposed to know what we do or say, and to be able to do us good or hurt, and to work those miracles. This was the very notion the heathens had of the separate souls of their ancient kings and heroes, whom they worshipped under the names of Saturn, Rhea, Jupiter, Juno, Mars, Venus, Bacchus, Ceres, Osiris, Isis, Apollo, Diana, and the rest of their gods. For these gods being male and female, husband and wife, son and daughter, brother and sister, are thereby discovered to be ancient men and women. Now as the first step towards the invocation of saints was set on foot by the persecution of Decius, and the second by the persecution of Dioclesian; so this third seems to have been owing to the proceedings of Constantius and

Julian the Apostate. When Julian began to restore the worship of the heathen gods, and to vilify the saints and martyrs; the Christians of Syria and Egypt seem to have made a great noise about the miracles done by the reliques of the Christian saints and martyrs, in opposition to the powers attributed by Julian and the heathens to their idols. For Sozomen and Rufinus tell us, that when he opened the heathen temples, and consulted the Oracle of Apollo Daphnæus in the suburbs of Antioch, and pressed by many sacrifices for an answer; the Oracle at length told him that the bones of the martyr Babylas which were buried there, hindered him from speaking. By which answer we may understand, that some Christian was got into the place where the heathen priests used to speak through a pipe in delivering their oracles: and before this, Hilary in his book against Constantius, written in the last year of that emperor, makes the following mention of what was then doing in the east where he was. “ Sine martyrio persequeris. Plus crudelitati vestræ Nero, Deci, Maximiane, debemus. Diabolum enim per vos vicimus. Sanctus ubique beatorum martyrum sanguis exceptus est, dum in his dæmones mugiunt, dum ægri tudines depelluntur, dum miraculorum opera cernuntur, elevari sine laqueis corpora, et dispensis pede fæminis vestes non defluere in faciem, uri sine

ignibus spiritus, confiteri sine interrogantis incremento fidei.”* And Gregory Nazianzen, in his first Oration against the emperor Julian then reigning, writes thus : “ Martyres non extimuiſti quibus præclari honores et feſta conſtituta, à quibus dæmones propelluntur et morbi curantur ; quorum ſunt apparitiones et prædictiones ; quorum vel ſola corpora idem poſſunt quod animæ ſanctæ, ſive manibus contrectentur, ſive honorentur : quorum vel ſolæ ſanguinis guttæ atque exigua paſſionis ſigna idem poſſunt quod corpora. Hæc non colis ſed contemnis et aſpernaris.”† Theſe things made the heathens in the reign of the ſame Emperor demolish the ſepulchre of John the Baptist in Phœnicia, and burn his bones ; when ſeveral Chriſtians mixing themſelves with the heathens, gathered up ſome

* You ſhall ſucceed without a martyrdom ; we owe more to your cruelty, O Nero, Decius, and Maximian. For we have overcome the devil through you. The holy blood of the bleſſed martyrs is every where received, whiſt in theſe the devils roar, diſeaſes are expelled, miraculous works are ſeen, bodies, for inſtance, are raiſed without artifice, the garments of women ſuſpended by their feet, do not fall over their faces, ſpirits are burnt without fire, and confeſſions are made, without any greater power of faith being diſplayed by the interrogator.

† You have not dreaded the martyrs, to whoſe memory great honours and feſtivals have been inſtituted ; by whom devils are driven away, and diſeaſes cured ; whoſe apparitions and predictions are well known ; whoſe very bodies alone have the ſame power with their holy ſpirits, whether they be touched by the hand, or worſhipped ; a ſingle drop of whoſe blood, or ſmalleſt relique of whoſe ſuffering has the ſame efficacy as their bodies



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ing how the devils were tormented and cast out by the bones of the martyrs, he adds: “*Ob eam causam multi plerumque Reges peregrè profecti sunt, ut hoc spectaculo fruèrentur. Siquidem sanctorum martyrum templa futuri iudicii vestigia et signa exhibent, dum nimirum dæmones flagris cæduntur, hominesque torquentur et liberantur. Vide quæ sanctorum vitâ functorum vis sit?*” * And Jerom in his Epitaph on Paula, † thus mentions the same things. “*Paula vidit Samariam: ibi siti sunt Elisæus et Abdias prophetæ, et Joannes Baptista, ubi multis intremuit consternata miraculis. Nam cernebat variis dæmones rugire cruciatibus, et ante sepulchra sanctorum ululare, homines more luporum vocibus latrare canum, fremere leonum, sibilare serpentum, mugire taurorum, alios rotare caput et post tergum terram vertice tangere, suspensisque pede fæminis vestes non defluere in faciem.*” ‡ This was about the year 384:

* On that account many kings oftentimes have travelled abroad, in order to enjoy a sight of this spectacle. Since the temples of the blessed martyrs exhibit the traces and signs of the future judgment, whilst indeed the devils are flogged with scourges, and men are tortured by them, and afterwards liberated. See what is power of the departed saints.

† Epist. 27. ad Eustochium.

‡ Paula saw Samaria, there the prophets Elisæus and Abdias, and John the Baptist, lie; and where she trembled affrighted by many miracles. For she perceived devils roaring under different tortures, and howling before the sepulchres of the saints, men after the manner of wolves barking as dogs, roar-

and Chrysostom in his Oration on the Egyptian Martyrs,* seems to make Egypt the ringleader in these matters, saying: “Benedictus Deus quandoquidem ex Ægypto prodeunt martyres, ex Ægypto illa cum Deo pugnante ac insanissima, et unde impia ora, unde linguæ blasphemæ; ex Ægypto martyres, habentur; non in Ægypto tantum, nec in finitima vicinaque regione, sed **UBIQUE TERRARUM**. Et quemadmodum in annonæ summa ubertate, cum viderint urbium incolæ majorem quam usus habitatorum postulat esse proventum, ad peregrinas etiam urbes transmittunt: cum et suam comitatem et liberalitatem ostendant, tum ut præter horum abundantiam cum facilitate res quibus indigent rursus ab illis sibi comparent: sic et Ægyptii, quod attinet ad religionis athletas, fecerunt. Cum apud se multam eorum Dei benignitate copiam cernerent, nequaquam ingens Dei munus sua civitate concluserunt, sed in **OMNES TERRÆ PARTES** bonorum thesauros effuderunt: cum ut suum in fratres amorem ostenderent, tum ut communem omnium dominum honore afficerent, ac civitati suæ gloriam apud omnes compararent, totiusque terrarum

ing as lions, hissing as serpents, bellowing as bulls, and others rolling their heads, and touching the earth with their heads bent backwards, and the garments of women suspended not to fall over their faces.

* Edit. Frontonis Ducaei, Tom. 1.

ORBIS esse METROPOLIN declararent.—Sanctorum enim illorum corpora quovis adamantino et inexpugnabili muro tutiùs nobis urbem communiunt, et tanquam excelsi quidam scopuli undique prominentes, non horum qui sub sensu cadunt et oculis cernuntur hostium impetus propulsant tantùm, sed etiam invisibilium dæmonum insidias, omnesque diaboli fraudes subvertunt ac dissipant.—Neque vero tantùm adversus hominum insidias aut adversus fallacias dæmonum utilis nobis est hæc possessio, sed si nobis communis dominus ob peccatorum multitudinem irascatur, his objectis corporibus continuo poterimus eum propitium reddere civitati.”*

* God is to be blessed since martyrs come from Egypt, from that Egypt warring with God, and most wild, and whence are impious mouths, and blasphemous tongues; martyrs are derived from Egypt; and not only in Egypt and the neighbouring district, *but in the whole world.* And as when, in a most abundant market, the inhabitants have seen that the produce is greater than the consumption of the land would demand, they export to foreign cities, by which means they cannot only evince their good-will and liberality; but also in addition to this their abundance they can easily obtain from their neighbours, in return, those things which they stand in need of themselves; so also the Egyptians have done, relating to their martyrs. When they saw, by the goodness of God, a great abundance of them in their land, by no means did they shut up this precious gift of God in their own city; but poured forth these treasures of good *in all parts of the earth,* so could they show their love to their brethren, and glorify the common Lord of all, whilst they obtained every where additional honour to their city, and declared it to be *the metropolis of the whole earth.*—For the bodies of those saints, by some adamantine and impregnable defence,



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year 373 ; for Athanasius, who died in that year, wrote an oration upon them. This oration is not yet published, but Gerard Vossius saw it in MS. in the Library of Cardinal Ascanius in Italy, as he says in his Commentary upon the Oration of Ephræm Syrus on the same forty martyrs. Now since the Monks of Alexandria sent the reliques of the martyrs of Egypt into all parts of the earth, and thereby acquired glory to their city, and declared her in these matters the metropolis of the whole world, as we have observed out of Chrysostom ; it may be concluded, that before Alexandria received the forty martyrs from Antioch, she began to send out the reliques of her own martyrs into all parts, setting the first example to other cities: This practice, therefore, began in Egypt some years before the death of Athanasius. It began when the miracle-working bones of John the Baptist were carried into Egypt, and hid in the wall of a church, *that they might be profitable to future generations.* It was restrained in the reign of Julian the Apostate : and then it spread from Egypt into all the Empire, Alexandria being the metropolis of the whole world, according to Chrysostom, for propagating this sort of devotion, and Antioch and other cities soon following her example.

In propagating these superstitions, the ring-

leaders were the monks, and Antony was at the head of them : for in the end of the life of Antony, Athanasius relates that these were his dying words to his disciples who then attended him : “ Do you take care,” said Antony, “ to adhere to Christ in the first place, and then to the saints, that after death they may receive you as friends and acquaintance into the everlasting tabernacles. Think upon these things, perceive these things ; and if you have any regard to me, remember me as a father.” This being delivered in charge to the monks by Antony at his death, A. C. 356, could not but inflame their whole body with devotion towards the saints, as the ready way to be received by them into the eternal tabernacles after death. Hence came that noise about the miracles done by the reliques of the saints in the time of Constantius : hence came the dispersion of the miracle-working reliques into all the empire ; Alexandria setting the example, and being renowned for it above all other cities. Hence it came to pass in the days of Julian, A. C. 362, that Athanasius by a prophetic spirit, as Rufinus tells us, hid the bones of John the Baptist from the heathens, not in the ground to be forgotten, but in the hollow wall of a church before proper witnesses, that they might *be profitable to future generations*. Hence also came the in-

vocation of the saints for doing such miracles, and for assisting men in their devotions, and mediating with God. For Athanasius, even from his youth, looked upon the dead saints and martyrs as mediators of our prayers : in his epistle to Marcellinus, written in the days of Constantine the Great, he saith that the words of the Psalms are not to be transposed or any wise changed, but to be recited and sung without any artifice, as they are written, “ that the holy men who delivered them, knowing them to be their own words, may pray with us ; or rather, that the Holy Ghost who spake in the holy men, seeing his own words with which he inspired them, may join” with them “ in assisting us.”

Whilst Egypt abounded with monks above any other country, the veneration of the saints began sooner, and spread faster there than in other places. Palladius going into Egypt in the year 388 to visit the monasteries, and the sepulchres of Apollonius and other martyrs of Thebais who had suffered under Maximinus, saith of them : “ Iis omnibus Christiani fecerunt ædem unam, ubi nunc multæ virtutes peraguntur. Tanta autem fuit viri gratia, ut de iis quæ esset precatus statim exaudiretur, eum sic honorante servatore : quem etiam nos in martyrio precati vidimus, cum iis qui cum ipso fuerunt



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modi tamen Deos fert tellus.”* By these instances we may understand the invocation of saints was now of some standing in Egypt, and that it was already generally received and practised there by the common people.

Thus Basil a monk, who was made Bishop of Cæsarea in the year 369, and died in the year 378, in his Oration on the martyr Mamas, saith: “ Be ye mindful of the martyr ; as many of you as have enjoyed him in your dreams, as many as in this place have been assisted by him in prayer, as many of you as upon invoking him by name have had him present in your works, as many as he has reduced into the way from wandering, as many as he has restored to health, as many as have had their dead children re-

* These very people, namely the soldiers, also placed the monks of Egypt, that instead of gods who are perceived with the mind, they should worship with divine honours slaves and villains, binding the minds of men to outward worship and ceremonies. For they used to exhibit, instead of their gods, the preserved and salted heads of those who, on account of the multitude of their crimes were punished by the judges with the extreme punishment ; they used to bend their knee to them, and receive them into the number of their gods, having defiled themselves with dust and filth at their tombs. Therefore they used to be called martyrs, ministers, and ambassadors, and mediator between their prayers and God, when they were in reality faithless slaves, and infamously kept under by scourges, who bear about the wounds of their crimes and remains of their wickedness, yet the earth produces such gods as these.

stored by him to life, as many as have had their lives prolonged by him :” and a little after, he thus expresses the universality of this superstition in the regions of Cappadocia and Bythinia : “ At the memory of the martyr,” saith he, “ the whole region is moved ; at his festival the whole city is transported with joy. Nor do the kindred of the rich turn aside to the sepulchres of their ancestors, but all go to the place of devotion.” Again, in the end of the homily he prays, that “ God would preserve the church, thus fortified with the great towers of the martyrs :” and in his Oration on the forty martyrs ; “ These are they,” saith he, “ who obtaining our country, like certain towers afford us safety against our enemies. Neither are they shut up in one place only, but being distributed are sent into many regions, and adorn many countries. — You have often endeavoured, you have often laboured to find one who might pray for you : here are forty, emitting one voice of prayer. — He that is in affliction flies to these, he that rejoices has recourse to these : the first, that he may be freed from evil, the last that he may continue in happiness. Here a woman praying for her children is heard ; she obtains a safe return for her husband from abroad, and health for him in his sickness. — O ye common keepers of mankind, the best companions of our cares, suffragans and coadjutors of our prayers, most power-

ful ambassadors to God," &c. By all which it is manifest, that before the year 378, the Oration and Sermons upon the saints went much beyond the bounds of mere oratorical flourishes, and that the common people in the East were already generally corrupted by the monks with saint-worship.

Gregory Nazianzen a monk, in his sixth Oration written A. C. 373, when he was newly made Bishop of Sasima, saith: "Let us purify ourselves to the martyrs, or rather to the God of the martyrs:" and a little after he calls the martyrs "mediators of obtaining an ascension or divinity." The same year, in the end of his Oration upon Athanasius then newly dead, he thus invokes him: "Do thou look down upon us propitiously, and govern this people, as perfect adorers of the perfect Trinity, which in the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, is contemplated and worshipped: if there shall be peace, preserve me, and feed my flock with me; but if war, bring me home, place me by thyself, and by those that are like thee; however great my request." And in the end of the funeral Oration upon Basil, written A. C. 378, he thus addresses him: "But thou, O divine and sacred Head, look down upon us from heaven; and by thy prayers either take away that thorn of the flesh which is given us by God for exercise, or obtain that we may bear it with courage, and direct all our life to



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of heaven.” The same Gregory, in his oration on the martyr Theodorus, written A. C. 381, thus describes the power of that martyr, and the practice of the people. “ This martyr,” saith he, “ the last year quieted the barbarous tempest, and put a stop to the horrid war of the fierce and cruel Scythians.—If any one is permitted to carry away the dust with which the tomb is covered, wherein the body of the martyr rests ; the dust is accepted as a gift, and gathered to be laid up as a thing of great price. For to touch the reliques themselves, if any such prosperous fortune shall at any time happen ; how great a favour that is, and not to be obtained without the most earnest prayers, they know well who have obtained it. For as a living and florid body, they who behold it embrace it, applying to it the eyes, mouth, ears, and all the organs of sense ; and then with affection pouring tears upon the martyr, as if he was whole and appeared to them : they offer prayers with supplication, that he would intercede for them as an advocate, praying to him as an officer attending upon God, and invoking him as receiving gifts whenever he will.” At length Gregory concludes the Oration with this prayer : “ O Theodorus, we want many blessings ; intercede and beseech for thy country before the common king and lord : for the country of the martyr is the place of his passion, and they are his

citizens, brethren and kindred, who have him, defend, adorn and honour him. We fear afflictions, we expect dangers: the wicked Scythians are not far off, ready to make war against us. As a soldier fight for us, as a martyr use liberty of speech for thy fellow-servants. Pray for peace, that these public meetings may not cease, that the furious and wicked barbarian may not rage against the temples and altars, that the profane and impious may not trample upon the holy things. We acknowledge it a benefit received from thee, that we are preserved safe and entire, we pray for freedom from danger in time to come: and if there shall be need of greater intercession and deprecation, call together the choir of thy brethren the martyrs, and in conjunction with them all intercede for us. Let the prayers of many just ones atone for the sins of the multitudes and the people; exhort Peter, excite Paul, and also John the divine and beloved disciple, that they may be solicitous for the churches which they have erected, for which they have been in chains, for which they have undergone dangers and deaths; that the worship of idols may not lift up its head against us, that heresies may not spring up like thorns in the vineyard, that tares grown up may not choak the wheat, that no rock void of the fatness of true dew may be against us, and render the fruitful power of the word void of a root;

but by the power of the prayers of thyself and thy companions, O admirable man and eminent among the martyrs, the commonwealth of Christians may become a field of corn." The same Gregory Nyssen, in his sermon upon the death of Meletius, Bishop of Antioch, preached at Constantinople the same year, A. C. 381, before the Bishops of all the East assembled in the second general Council, spake thus of Meletius. "The bridegroom," saith he, "is not taken from us : he stands in the midst of us, though we do not see him : he is a priest in the most inward places, and face to face intercedes before God for us and the sins of the people." This was no oratorical flourish, but Gregory's real opinion, as may be understood by what we have cited out of him concerning Ephræm and Theodorus : and as Gregory preached this before the Council of Constantinople, you may thence know, saith Baronius,* that he professed what the whole Council, and therewith the whole Church of those parts believed, namely, that the saints in heaven offer prayers for us before God.

Ephræm Syrus, another eminent monk, who was contemporary with Basil, and died the same year ; in the end of his Encomium or Oration upon Basil, then newly dead, invokes him after this manner : "Intercede for me, a very miserable man ; and recal me by thy intercessions, O

* Ad. an. 381, Sect. 41.



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that dreadful hour I may obtain mercy, when the secrets of all hearts shall be manifest. I am to day become to you, most holy martyrs of Christ, as it were an unprofitable and unskilful cup-bearer: for I have delivered to the sons and brothers of your faith, a cup of the excellent wine of your warfare, with the excellent table of your victory; replenished with all sorts of dainties. I have endeavoured, with the whole affection and desire of my mind, to recreate your fathers and brothers, kindred and relations, who daily frequent the table. For behold they sing, and with exultation and jubilee glorify God, who has crowned your virtues, by setting on your most sacred heads incorruptible and celestial crowns; they with excessive joy stand about the sacred reliques of your martyrdoms, wishing for a blessing, and desiring to bear away holy medicines both for the body and the mind. As good disciples and faithful ministers of our benign Lord and Saviour, bestow therefore a blessing on them all: and on me also, though weak and feeble, who having received strength by your merits and intercessions, have with the whole devotion of my mind, sung a hymn to your praise and glory before your holy reliques. Wherefore I beseech you stand before the throne of the divine Majesty for me Ephræm, a vile and miserable sinner, that by your prayers I

may deserve to obtain salvation, and with you enjoy eternal felicity by the grace and benignity and mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and Holy Ghost be praise, honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

By what has been cited out of Basil, the two Gregories and Ephræm, we may understand that saint-worship was established among the monks and their admirers in Egypt, Phœnicia, Syria, and Cappadocia, before the year 378, this being the year in which Basil and Ephræm died. Chrysostom was not much later; he preached at Antioch almost all the time of Theodosius the Great, and in his sermons are many exhortations to this sort of superstition, as may be seen in the end of his Oration on S. Julia, on St. Pelagia, on the Martyr Ignatius, on the Egyptian Martyrs, on Fate and Providence, on the Martyrs in general, on St. Berenice and St. Prosdoce, on Juventinus and Maximus, on the name of Cœmety, &c. Thus in his sermon on Berenice and Prosdoce: “Perhaps,” saith he, “you are inflamed with no small love towards these martyrs; therefore with this ardour let us fall down before their reliques, let us embrace their coffins. For the coffins of the martyrs have great virtue, even as the bones of the martyrs have great power. Nor let us only on the

day of this festival, but also on other days apply to them, invoke them, and beseech them to be our patrons: for they have great power and efficacy, not only whilst alive, but also after death; and much more after death than before. For now they bear the marks or brands of Christ; and when they shew these marks, they can obtain all things of the King. Seeing, therefore, they abound with such efficacy, and have so much friendship with him; we also, when by continual attendance and perpetual visitation of them we have insinuated ourselves into their familiarity, may by their assistance obtain the mercy of God.”

Constantinople was free from these superstitions till Gregory Nazianzen came thither, A. C. 379; but in a few years it was also inflamed with it. Ruffinus tells us,* that when the Emperor Theodosius was setting out against the tyrant Eugenius, which was in the year 394, he went about with the priests and people to all the places of prayer; lay prostrate in hair-cloth before the shrines of the Martyrs and Apostles, and *prayed for assistance by the intercession of the saints*. Sozomen adds,† that when the Emperor was marched seven miles from Constantinople against Eugenius, he went

* Hist. Eccl. l. 2. c. 23.

† L. 4. c. 24.



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Martyrium vocandum sit, addant quod voluerint fabricarum. Dat. iv. Kal. Mart. Constantino-
 poli, Honorio nob. puero et Euodio Coss. A. C.
 386.”* After this they filled the fields and
 high-ways with altars erected to martyrs, which
 they pretended to discover by dreams and reve-
 lations: and this occasioned the making the
 fourteenth Canon of the fifth Council of Car-
 thage, A. C. 398. “Item placuit, ut altaria,
 quæ passim per agros aut vias, tanquam
 memoriæ Martyrum constituuntur, in quibus
 nullum corpus aut reliquiæ Martyrum conditæ
 probantur, ab Episcopis, qui illis locis præsent,
 si fieri potest, evertantur. Si autem hoc propter
 tumultus populares non sinitur, plebes tamen
 admoneantur, ne illa loca frequentent, ut qui
 rectè sapiunt, nullâ ibi superstitione devincti
 teneantur. Et omnino nulla memoria Martyrum
 probabiliter acceptetur, nisi aut ibi corpus aut
 aliquæ certæ reliquiæ sint, aut ubi origo alicu-
 jus habitationis, vel possessionis, vel passionis
 fidelissima origine traditur. Nam quæ per

* Let no one transfer a body once buried to any other place, let no one offer for sale, or buy a martyr. But they may have it in their power, if a saint be buried in any place, in reverence to him, to add what building soever they may wish, which may be called a martyrium (or temple of a martyr.) Given iv. Kal. March, A. C. 386, at Constantinople, the most noble youth Honorius and Euodius being Consuls.

somnia, et per inanes quasi revelationes quorumlibet hominum ubique constituuntur altaria, omnimodè reprobentur.” * These altars were for invoking the saints or martyrs buried, or pretended to be buried, under them. First they filled the churches in all places with the reliques or pretended reliques of the martyrs, for invoking them in the churches; and then they filled the fields and high-ways with altars, for invoking them every where: and this new religion was set up by the monks in all the Greek Empire before the expedition of the Emperor Theodosius against Eugenius, and I think before his above-mentioned edict, A. C. 386.

The same religion of worshipping Mahuz-

* It also seemeth right, that the altars, which are erected every where throughout the country, or streets, to the memory of martyrs, in which no body or relique of a martyr can be proved to be deposited, may be overthrown, if possible, by the Bishops who preside over that district. But should this not be allowed, on account of the tumults of the populace; yet, let the people be admonished not to frequent those places, so that whoever are wise, may not be implicated in any superstition. And in a word, let no memory of martyrs be received without hesitation, unless the body or other undoubted reliques exist there, or where most creditable tradition mentions the dwelling, or possession, or martyrdom of some saint. For those altars which are erected from the dreams, or as it were by the weak revelations of some men, let them be by all means disdained.

zims quickly spread into the Western Empire also: but Daniel in this Prophecy describes chiefly the things done among the nations comprehended in the body of his third Beast.

THE END.

ERRATA.

Page 228, line 6th of the note, *pro* what is power *lege* what is the power
Page 236, line 11th of the note, *pro* mediator *lege* mediators
