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JERUSALEM,

From Joshua's time to the Year 1517, both from Scripture and ancient History.

The antiquity of the city, and number of inhabitants, with the dep/h and breadth of the trenches, height of the walls, and the number of the towers that stood thereon.

I. The greatness of the people, and glory of the Sanctum Sanctorum, or the Holy of Holies; with a description of the birth, life, and death of_our bleffed SAVIOUR; and the miraculous wonders that happened about that time.

I. The fad and lamentable destruction and defolation of Jerusalem, by fire, sword, famine, and pestilence.

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JERUSALEM was a principal city in Jofhua's time, when Adonibezek was king, who was flain by him; yet the Jebufites held it for four hundred years after, till David won it; though the inhabitants boafted that their blind and their lame would defend it, 2 Sam. v. 6. David ftrengthened it with a caftle, and beautified it with palaces; after this Solomon enlarged it, and further beautified and fortified it; the palace gates and walls could not be matched in all the wor'd. It had within the walls one hundred and fifty thoufand inhabitants, befides women and children.

The trenches about it were fixty feet deep cut out of the rock, and two hundred and fifty broad. Not long after Shifhak king of Egypt took it, and bec: mafter of Solomon's riches, and of al. ..., David's fpoil, which he had taken from many nations, 2 Kings kiv. It was again plundered, and part of

of the wall broken down by Joah king of Ifrael, in Amaziah's reign, 2 Kings xvi. Not long after, Ahaz, the fifteenth king of Judah, impoverished the temple, to prefent Tiglathpilnezer with the treasures thereof, and Manasseh lost what remained, 1 Chron. v.

And Nebuchadnezzar laid this glorious city with the temple, palace, walls and towers, even with the ground, 2 Kings xix. After eighteen month's fiege, in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the ninth day of the fourth month, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, the princes of Babylon furprifed and took this brave city; prefently after Nebuzar-aden, general of the Babylonian army, commanded by Nebuchadnezzar, spoiled the temple, carrying away the veffels of gold and filver, and the great laver, given by king Solomon, and burnt the temple the first day of the next month, which was twenty-one days after the furprifal, 470 years, fix months, and ten days after the foundation; 903 years, fix months, and ten days after the departure of the people out of Egypt; 1760 years, and fix months after the flood; 3546 years, fix months, and ten days after the creation. Thus, and then was the city of Jerufalem taken, and for feventy years the Jews remained in this captivity.

It was built again by Nehemiah, 2 Chron. i, ii, iii, iv. The temple and city were spoiled again by Burgoses, lieutenant to Artaxerx-

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es, then by Ptolerzeus the first, then by Antiochus Epiphanes, and again by Appollonius' deputy; after which, it was taken by Pompey, and robbed by Craffus, in his Parthian expedition. Yet all the loss the temple and city fuftained, were repaired by Herod the Great, who enlarged the city, newbuilt the temple, and left it both ftately and glorious; it was compassed with three strong walls, the third wall had ninety towers, the fecond wall had fourteen, and the old wall had fixty. Agrippa built a fourth wall ten cubits high, but did not finish it, lest Claudius Cælar should think he defigned to rebel; yet the Jews afterwads built it twenty cubits high, and raifed a battlement two cubits; and built three towers thereon: all their towers were built of white marble, each ftone being twenty cubits long, ten broad, and five thick, fo curioully joined, that they feemed but one ftone, and the compass of the city from the north to the west, was forty-three furlongs.

Within the city was the King's palace, furpaffing all in the world for largevels and workmanship, environed with a wall, which was thirty cubits high, adorned with towers, and beautified with houses to an hundred of the nobility; and in every room were many vessels of gold and filver, and porches adorned with curious pillars, and many pleasant walks, with all manner of trees and fountains. Jerusalem's Captivities Lamented. 5 tains, which spouted out water, with cisterns, and brazen statues, from which water ran continually.

The temple was built upon a rocky mountain, and the place at the top, was not at first big enough for the temple and court, the hill being very fleep, but the people every_day brought earth thitner, and they at last made it plain and large enough, with wonderful curiofity and labour, enclosed with three walls, which were many days labour, with the cost of all the holy treasure offered to God from all parts; the foundation of the temple was laid three hundred cubits deep; the porches were double supported by many pillars twenty cubits high, all of one piece of marble; the tops of cedar fo exactly wrought, as altonished beholders, the porches were thirty cubits broad, and the compass of the temple was fix furlongs: The courts were curioufly paved and wrought with all forts of stones, and the gates were covered with weighty plates of gold, only one with Corinthian brafs, which for beauty excelled the others, dazzling the eyes of the fpectators.

Then the SANCTUM SANCTORUM, or Holy of Holies, fituated in the midft, had twelve ftairs to go up to it, the fore-part of it was an hundred cubits high, and as many broad, and backwards it was forty cubits on each fide. It had as it were two fhoulders twenty cubits

cubits high, and twenty-five wide, and had no doors, to fhew that heaven was always open. All the fore-parts were gilded within and covered with fine gold, the inner part was divided into two rooms, whereof the first only might be seen, which was in height ninety cubits, in length forty, and in breadth twenty. Round about the wall was a golden vine, whercon hung grapes in cluffers, being fix feet long; it had golden gates fiftyfive cubits high, and fixteen broad, and curious hangings of the fame length, wrought with purple, velvet, fcarlet, and filk. All the fabric was fo exquisite and rich, that none could imagine any workmanship to be wanted, for it was all covered with maffy plates of gold, which aftonished the beholders; the top alfo was fet with rods of gold, fharp at the ends, left birds should fit thereon, and defile the holy place.

Our SAVIOUR was born in the year of the world 4004, and in the 43d year of Augustus Cæsar; many remarkable things were seen in the heavens, which caused the wise men to conclude, that some more than an ordinary person would appear upon the earth: The learned thought it to be Augustus Cæsar, who then reigned prosperously; but others thought it to be he whom the prophet Isaiah speaks of, that should have the government on his shoulders, even the Saviour of the world, whom the Evangelists mention.

mention, that the angels declared to the fhepherds, and the ftar directed the wife men of the eaft to find out the place of his birth. So that,

As the new Earth with a new Sun was bleft, So Heaven with a new glorious Star was dreft.

At Christ's birth, the temple at Rome, dedicated to the god Pan, fell to the earth; and when it was built, the Romans addrefsed the oracle of Apollo, to know how long it should endure; who answered, "Till a "Virgin should bring forth a fon," which they judged impossible, therefore they believed that their temple should last eternally.

The night that Chrift was born, there appeared in Spain at midnight, a cloud with fo great a light, that it feemed like mid-day. St. Jerom writes, that when the Virgin fled with her Son into Egypt, all the Images of the Gods tumbled from their altars to the very ground: and that the Oracles, or Anfwers which thefe Gods, or rather Devils, ufed to give them, ceafed, and never anfwered afterwards.

In the first year after CHRIST'S birth, many strange things happened in Germany, and in Rome, and a terrible eclipse of the sun. At the twelfth year of his age he disputed with the doctors, and at than time there appeared a terrible comet, so that

that the light of the fun apparently failed, the heavens feemed to burn, and fire beams fell from them. In the twenty-fecond year of his age, feveral bloody comets were feen, and the river Tiber overflowed the city of Rome.

PUBLIUS LENTULLUS' Epifile to Rome concerning CHRIST.

"There appeared in those days a man of great virtue, called JESUS CHRIST, "who is yet living among us, and by the people is called a prophet; but his own " disciples call him the SON of GOD. "He raiseth the dead, cureth all manner of " diseases; a man of stature, somewhat tall " and comely, with a reverend countenance, " fuch as the beholders may both fear and " love; his hair is of the colour of a chef-"nut full ripe, and plain down almost to " his ears, but from thence downward fome-" what curled, but more orient of colours "waving about his shoulders; in midst of " his head goeth a feam of hair, or parting, " like that of the Nazarites'; his forehead " very plain and fmooth; his face without " fpot or wrinkle, beautified with a comely " red; his nofe and mouth fo formed, that " nothing can be reprehended, his beard thick, in colour of the hair of his head: " his eyes gray; clear and quick; in reprov-" ing

⁶⁶ ing he is fevere, in counfelling, courteous ⁶⁷ and fair fpoken; pleafant in fpeech, mix-⁶⁷ ed with gravity; it cannot be remembered ⁶⁷ that any have feen him laugh, but many ⁶⁷ have feen him weep; in proportion of bo-⁶⁷ dy well fhaped and ftraight; his hands and ⁶⁷ arms very delectable to behold, in fpeak-⁶⁶ ing very temperate, modeft and wife; a ⁶⁶ man, for his fingular beauty far exceeding ⁶⁷ the fons of men."

Within the thirty-third year of Chrift's life he was crucified by the wicked hands of the Jews, which cauled many miracles, attefted both by Heathens and Chriftians. At his death there was a mighty darknefs in the day time, from fix till nine, that is, from our twelve, to our three in the afternoon, and yet no eclipfe of the fun, it being full moon; fo it was contrary to the order of nature, but the power of God d prived the fun of his light.

Dionyfius the Areopagite, being that day in Athens, and feeing the darknefs, cried with a loud voice, "Either the world is at an "end, or the God of nature fuffers." Then the men of Athens, being aftonifhed, built an altar to the UNKNOWN GOD; and afterwards St. Paul declared to them, 'That Chrift,' who fuffered that day, 'was 'the Unknown God;' whereby he converted many to the Chriftian faith.

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It is likewife acknowledged by Plutarch, though a Heathen, that after the death of Chrift, not only the oracles of Egypt ceafed but through all the world, for which he can give no reafon, being ignorant of Chriftianity; however Satan did plainly acknowledge himfelf overcome by the death of Chrift, and could never give any anfwers afterwards.

The words of Plutarch to Emilius the orator concerning the matter, are as follows.

" My father coming by fea towards Italy, " and coafting by night about an ifland not " inhabited called Paraxis: When most in " the ship were at rest, they heard a fearful " voice which came from that island, that " called upon Alaman, who was pilot of the " fhip, and an Egyptian born; though this " voice was heard once or twice, yet no man " had the courage to answer it till the third "time when the pilot answered, Who is there? Who is it that calls? What would "you have? Then the voice fpake more " high, and faid, Alaman, I require, that " when you pafs the gulph of Languna, you " remember to cry aloud, and make them to "' understand that the great god Pan is dead, "at these words all in the ship were asto-" nifhed, and concluded that the pilot fhould " not take notice of the voice, nor flay in " the gulph to utter fuch words if they could " get

e get beyond it. Now going on their voy-" age, and coming to the place before men-" tioned, the fhip ftood still, and the fea was " fo calm, that they could go no further; " whereupon they refolved, that Alaman " fhould perform his embaffage, fo he pla-" ced himself upon the poop of the ship, and " cried aloud, ' Be it known unto you, that " the great god Pan is dead.' When he had "uttered these words; they heard many "mournful cries, groans and lamentations, " that continued fome time, which furprifed those in the ship: but having a prof-"perous gale, they followed their courfe, " arrived at Rome and told the adventure; " and told Tiberius the Emperor, all the " truth thereof."

It is evident that Satan in all parts was banished by the death of Christ, and it is supposed, that this god Pan, is not to be understood only as the god of the shephards, but was rather some master devil, who lost his power and empire, as they did all at the death of Jesus Christ.

About forty years after the death of Chrift, the Jews had many warnings fhewn them from heaven. Be-ore Vefpafian came in the feaft of weeks, the prieft heard a man walking in the temple, faying, with a terrible voice, "Come, let us go away out of this " place, let us make away from hence."

Now the fins of the Jews being come to the full height, who with cruel hands had crucified the LORD of LIFE, that innocent blood, which they defired might fall, on them and their children, began now to be avenged upon them; for the civil wars were begun by Jehohanan and Simon, who destroyed all the corn and fruits without the city, and Jehohanan within the city ravifhed the citizens' wives and daughters, and fhed floods of innocent blood. The citizens, being weary of this tyranny, delivered the city to Simon, thinking he would help them, but he joined the other rebel, and they reigned month about, till at last they quarrelled between themselves.

Then there was nothing but flaughter and bloodfhed, fo that the blood of the Jews ran through the ftreets, even to the temple of the LORD, like a flood: All that the feditious overcame they fet their houfes on fire, fo that they burnt fourteen hundred ftorehoufes, that were full of corn, wine, and oil, which caufed a fudden famine in Jerufalem. Thus GOD vifited the city with four plagues at once, viz. fword, peftilence, famine, and fire: to which the fifth was added, the ruin and deftruction of all the glorous buildings fo that nothing but defolation, pollution of the Temple, and all holy things, and uproar without any reft; no help, no fuccour, but every corner was full

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of howling, yelling, weeping, wailing, fobbing and fighing of women, children, and aged men flarving for want of bread, and others roaring in their wounds; fo that ail manner of miferies opprefied the inhabitants, and he was thought a happy man who was dead before that day.

At this time Vespafian with his army, was lying in Galilee, and from thence he went to Rome to receive the Imperial Crown, and left his fon Titus, with the half of his army to besiege Jerusalem, the other to tarry at Alexandria till further orders, " That I " shall do (faid Titus) dear father, for unto " you it belongeth to command, and for me " to obey."

In the first year of the reign of Vespasian, Titus mustered his army, and found them fufficient for the fiege of Jerusalem. He then marched to Samaria, and from thence to Atelonia, thirty furlongs from Jerusalem, where he pitched his camp, and the next day he brought his whole army to Jerusalem a little before the feast of unleavened bread, which was April the 14th, fo that an infinite number of people, who came to celebrate, were all shut up in the city, which raised a famine; oxen's dung was fold at a dear rate, fo was old leather; and fome women, for want, boiled their children and did eat them.

Now Titus approached the walls of the

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eity, and pitched his camp upon the river Poleponina, raifed a mount, and with a battering ram broke into the city, May 7th, and afterwards he raifed four other mounts, and made himfelf mafter of the fecond wall, and built twelve caftles thereon, fo that none could pafs in or out, whereby the famine and peftilence raged within, and the fword without the city fo that multitudes perifhed; for, from April the 14th, to July following, there were buried, by the common charge of the city, fix hundred thoufand carcafes, and multitudes thrown into empty houfes, and over the walls, which filled the houfes with dead bodies.

Titus intended to fave the Temple from fire, when fome of the city was in flames, by fetting a guard on it, but the feditious who raifed the fire, flew every man of the guard which Titus hearing, brought his whole army thither. At that time a foldier of the feditious took a flaming fire-brand, and caft it through the golden window into the Templé, and others fet fire to the doors, and after the gold grew hot, the Temple began to burn, and immediately the whole fabric was in a flame, and the HOLY of HOLIES was laid open to the view of all there prefent.

This happened in the fecond year of the reign of Vespasian, and the fame month that it was burnt by Nebuchadnezzar. Titus drew

drew his fword to fave the holy place, but the flames rufhed through all parts of the Temple in a moment, fo that none could fave it The Jews feeing all go to deftruction before their eyes, they than threw themfelves into the flames, faying, "Why fhould "we live any longer? Now there was no "Temple." After the Holy of Holies was burnt, Titus entered it, and faw the glory of it and faid, "I well perceive, that this is no "other than the HOUSE of GOD, and the "dwelling place of the KING of Heaven: "The God of Heaven who is God of this "Houfe, take vengeance on the feditious, "whofe heinous deeds have brought this e-"vil upon themfelves, and this holy place."

On the 7th of September, Titus commanded all the lower city to be fet on fire, and affaulted the upper city, breaking over their fences, and deftroying all before him with fire and fword; then he commanded the city and temple to be razed to the foundation, and the ground to be forthwith plowed.—And Jehohanan and Simon were fent prifoners to Rome, with feven hundred of the Jews: The Book of the Law, and the Purple Veil of the Sanctuary were taken in triumph to Rome. About that time neither fun nor moon appeared for fifteen days as Chrift foretold, Matth. xxiv. 15.

St. Jerom writes, that in his time, on that day of the year wherein Jerufalem was taken

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by the Romans, you might have feen aged men and women, and feveral other wretched people, who, with blubbered cheeks and difhevelled hair, went howling and lamenting for the ruin of the Temple and Sanctuary, wearing, and bearing in their habits and bodies, the fad character of divine vengaance, of whom the foldiers exacted a fee for liberty of weeping; and they who formerly fold the blood of Jefus, were now forced to buy their own tears, without being pitied.

The Roman foldiers, being now quite spent with doing execution, and having a great deal more of their work yet to do, Titus or-dered his men to hold their hands, faving only to those whom they found armed, or in 2 posture of refistance, and to give quarter, to all the reft. But the Soldiers went beyond their commission, and put the aged and fickly to the fword, promifcuoufly with their companions; and for those that were ftrong and ferviceable, they fhut them up in the temple, in the women's quarter. Cæfar appointed Fronto, one of his friends and freemen to inform him of the people, and to do by them as they deferved. As for the ruffians, and the feditious, that impeached one another, he had them all put to death; but for men of comely and graceful perfons, and in the prime of their youth, he referv-cd them for the triumph; fending away all above

bove feventeen years of age of the remainder of them in chains into Egypt, to be employed in fervile offices and drudgery: befides those that were distributed up and down the provinces for the use of the theatres in the quality of fwords-men or gladiators; and all under feventeen he exposed to fale.

In the mean time, while the prifoners were under Fronto's charge, there were eleven thousand of them flarved to death, betwixt the churlishness of the keepers, that would give them no meat, and the squeamishness of their stomachs that would stallow none. But in truth the mouths were too many for the provisions.

The number of prisoners in this war was ninety feven thousand. The number of the dead was eleven hundred thousand; the greater part of them Jews by nation, though not natives of Judea; For it was only a general meeting of them at Jerufalem, gathered together, from all quarters to celebrate the feast of the passover; who were then furprised into a war. There was such a prodigious multitude, and they fo straitened for lodgings, that the croud first brought the plague into the town, and then quickly made way for a famine. The city not being capable of entertaining that vaft body of people, if the calculation of Ceftius may at least pass for any thing : As follows,

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Nero had fo great a contempt for the Jews, that Cestius made it his fuit to the high priefts to bethink themfelves of fome way of numbering their people; and this he did out of a defire to give Nero to understand, that the Jewish nation was not fo despicable as he imagined; fo that they took their time to enter upon the computation, at the celebration of their paschal feast; When offering up facrifice to be eaten afterwards, in the ninth hour of the day to the eleventh; and the facrifice to be eaten afterwards, in their families, by ten at least, and fometimes twenty to a lamb; they reckoned upon two hundred and fixty-fix thousand, five hundred oblations; which at the rate of ten to a lamb, amounted to two millions, fix hundred and fixty-five thousand perfons, all pure and found. For neither lepers, scorbuti-s, men troubled with gonnorhœas, women in their monthly fickness, or people labouring under any malignant distempers, were admitted to any part, in this folemnity: No more were any strangers, but what came thither for religion. So that this mighty concourse of people from abroad before the fiege, was afterwards by the righteous Providence of God, cooped up in that city, as in a prison: And the number of the flain in that fiege, was the heaviest judgement of that kind that ever was heard of. Some were killed openly, others kept in custody by the Romans, whó

who fearched the very fepulchres and vaults for them, and put all they found alive to the fword. There were upwards of two thoufand that had either laid violent hands on themfelves, or killed one another by confent; befides those that perished by the famine. The putrid corruption of dead bodies fent out a vapour to poifon as many as came within the reach of it. Some were not able to endure it, and fo went out of the way; others had their hearts fo fet upon booty, that they rifled the very carcafes, and trampled upon the dead bodies as they lay foaking in their corruption: but avarice flicks at nothing. They brought out feveral prifoners alfo that the two tyrants had laid in chains there; for they kept up their cruelty to the laft: but God's justice overtook them both in the end; for John and his brethren, in the vaults were now driven by the diftrefs of an unsupportable hunger, to beg that mercy of the Romans, which they had fo often despised: And Simon, after a long ftruggle with an infupportable necessity, delivered up himself. The latter being referved for the triumph, and the former made prifoner for life. The Romans after this burnt. the remainder of the city, and threw down the walls.

The power of God on the one hand, and his goodnefs on the other, was very remarkable on this occasion: for the tyrants ruined 20 Jerufalem's Captivities Lamented. ruined themfelves, by quitting thole holds of their own accord, that could never have been taken but by famine: and this after the Jews had fpent fo much time to no purpole upon other places of lefs value. By thefe means, the Romans became mafters of three impregnable forts by fortune, that could never have been taken any other way: For the three famous towers before mentioned were proof against all battery.

Upon Simon and John's quitting thefe towers; or rather, upon their being driven out of them, by the impulfe of judicial infatuation, they haftened away to the vale of Siloa, where they took breath a while, and after fome recollection, and refreshment, they gave an affualt to the new wall there: But fo faint and weak, that the guard beat them off; for between fatigue, despondency, dread, and misery, their strength failed them, and they were then scattered several ways in finks and gutters.

The foldiers were now broken loofe, all over the town, up and down in the ftreets, with their fwords drawn; killing all that fell in their way without diffinction; and burning entire houfes, and whatever was in them, in one common flame. In feveral places where they entered to fearch for pillage, they found whole families dead, and houfes crammed with hunger-ftarved carcafes: So that upon the horror of fo hideous a fpectacle, they

they came out again empty-lianded: but the compafiion they had for the dead, made them not one jot tenderer to the living; for they ftabbed every man they met, till the narrow paffages and alleys were choaked up with carcafes; fo that the channels of the city ran blood as if it had been to quench the fire. In the evening they gave over killing, and at night they fell afresh to burning.

The eighth of the month Gorpieus put an end to the conflagration of Jerufalem, (A. D. 70.) and if all the bleffings it ever enjoyed, from the foundation of it, had been but comparable in proportion to the calamities it fuffered in this fiege, that city had been undoubtedly the envy of the world. But the greatest plague of all came out of its own bowels; in that infernal race of vipers that it brought forth to eat out the belly of the mother.

While Titus was now taking a view of the ruins of this glorious city: the works, the fortifications, and especially the turrets, which the tyrants had so fortishly abandoned: While Cæsar, I fay, was entertaining himself in the contemplations of the height, dimensions, and fituations of these towers; the defign, workmanship, and curiosity of the fabric, with the wonderful contrivance of the whole: He let fall this expression, "Well, *fays he*, If "God had not fought for us, and with us, "we could never have been masters of these "forts. 22 Jerufalem's Captivities Lamented. "forts. It was God in fine, that affilted us "and that fought against the Jews; for this "was not an undertaking to be compassed "with hands or machines."

This was in fine the iffue of the fiege: And when the foldiers had neither rapine nor blood-fhed for their fpleen to work upon (as they would not have been idle, if they had had matter) Titus ordered them to lay the city and temple level with the ground; and to leave nothing standing, but the three fa-mous turrets, Pasael, Hippicos, and Mariamne, that overtopped all the reft; and a piece of wall to the westward of the town, where he defigned a garrifon. The towers to remain as fo many monuments to posterity, of the Romans' power and conduct in taking them. This order was punctually executed, and all the reft laid fo flat, that the place looked as if it had never been inhabited. This was the end of the Jerufalem faction; a mad and feditious people: and alfo the end of the most glorious city in the universe.

What is here chiefly remarkable is this; that no foreign nation ever came thus to deftroy the Jews at any of their folemn feftivals, from the days of Mofes till this time; but came now upon their apoftacy from God, and difobedience to him. Nor is it possible, in the nature of things, that in any other nation fuch vast numbers should be gotten together, and perish in the fiege of any Jerufalem's Captivities Lamented. 23 any one city whatfoever, as now happened in Jerufalem.

Thus was Jerufalem taken and utterly deftroyed, in the fecond year of Vefpafian, and on the eighth day of the month Gorpieus; having been five times taken before, *i. e.* by Azchæus king of Egypt : Antiochus Epiphanes, king of Syria; Pompey and Herod, with Sofius: who did all preferve the city after it was taken. But Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, laid it wafte one thoufand three hundred and fixty years, eight months, and fix days, after the building of it.

The first founder of it was a Canaanitish prince called Melchizedec, which in the Hebrew language fignifies a just king; for fuch was he in an eminent manner. He first dedicated the city to God; erected a temple in it, and officiated in the quality of priest, giving it the name of Jerusalem, which before was called Solyma.

When David, the king of the Jews, came afterwards to drive out the Canaanites, he planted his own people there: And in four hundred and feventy-feven years, and three months after this, it was laid wafte by the Babylonians.

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From the reign of David there, to the deftruction of the city by Titus, it was one thousand one hundred and feventy-nine years; and two thousand one hundred and feventynine from the foundation of it. But neither the

the antiquity, wealth, fame, nor the honour of the religion itfelf, was any fecurity against the appointments of Fate: And those who afterwards faw it, could not believe that ever there had been fuch a city there; yet the despifed Jews begged leave to build part of the city, but after fixty-five years, when they began to revolt, then Elius Adrianus the Emperor, flew many thoufands of them; and when his fury was over, he took one part of the city without the wall, Mount Calvary and Chrift's fepulchre, and made a spacious city which he called after his own name, Selia Capitolia', which was inhabited by all nations, but most by Christians for five hundred years; and in fix hundred and thirty-nine, it was taken by the Egyptians and Saracens who held it four hundred years: and in one thousand and thirty-nine, it was regained by Godfrey Bollogn, who, being elected king, refused to be crowned with a crown of gold, where CHRIST was crowned with a crown of thorns: It continued to him and his fucceffors eighty-eight years, till in one thousand one hundred and twentyfeven, it was taken by Saladine king of Egypt; and in one thousand five hundred and feventeen, the Turks took it (who are still masters of it) and called it, in their own language, Gunembare, or the Holy-of Holies. FINIS.

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