And all the fat is very little for a whole burnt offering to the Lord; therefore the Lord feareth the Lord is great continually.

17 Woe to the nations that rise up against Me, and to the people that plot evil against Me.

The Lord Almighty will take vengeance on them in the day of judgment, to put fire and worm in their flesh; and they shall suffer and feel their pain for ever.

19 Now therefore let them bring wood to the burning house, and fill it; and put thereto the good choice of the house, but let it be far from Me.

20 And the watchmen made continual shouting in Jeremiah before the sanctuary for the space of three months, and Judah

21 remained with them. But after these days every one over to his own inheritance, and Judah and Jerusalem away to Bethulia, and remained in her own house, and did not vaunt herself in her house for 22 her beauty in all the land, and many desired her, and no man knew her all the days of her life, for behold, that day that Manasseh her husband died and was buried, her beauty was decreased greatly exceedingly; and she waxed old in her husband's house, unto a hundred and five years, and let her maid go free; and she died in Bethulia, and they were buried bones of Manasseh.

24 Of her husband Manasseh. And the house of Israel mourned for her seven months; and she distributeth all the stuff of Holofernes, which the people had given her, and gave the empery, which she had taken for herself out of his poodchamber, for a gift unto the Lord.

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PART OF THE TENTH CHAPTER AFTET THE GREEK.

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cry all nations were ready to battle, that they might fight against the righteous nation. And lo, a day of darkness and gloominess, tribulation and affliction, and great anguish and great

9 roar upon the earth. And the whole righteous nation was troubled, fearing the evils that should befall them, and were ready to perish. Then they cried aloud, and upon their cry, as it were from a little fountain, there was a river that ran over much water.

11 The light and the sun rose up, and the holy were exalted, and devoured the darkness and the night. 12 Now when Mordechek, who had seen this dream, and what God had brought to pass, was awake, he bare it in mind, and until night by all means was desirous to know it.

13 And Mordechek took his rest in the court with Gabatha and Tarsha, the two eunuchs of the king, that were 2 keepers of the court. And he heard their communings, and searched out their purposes, and learned that they were about to lay hands upon Artaxerxes the king; and he certified the 3 king of them, and then the king examined the two eunuchs, and after that they had confessed it, they were led to execution. And the king wrote these things for a memorial; Mordechek also wrote concerning these matters of the king, and sought to most of the two eunuchs of the king.

8 Now this is the copy of the letter: The king Artaxerxes writeth these things to the princes of a hundred and seventy and fifty provinces from India unto Ethiopia, and to the governors that are set under them. And after that I became lord over many nations, and had dominion over the kings of the earth, and made men's souls to perish by the pre- sumption of my authority, but carrying myself always with equity and justice; purpose to settle my subjects continually in a quiet life, and make my kingdom peaceful, and open for peace to the utmost coasts of the

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honourably intended by us, cannot go forward. Seeing that the Jews have gathered against us, standing that this nation is about continually in opposition unto all men, and grown up in the Great and great strange to our laws, and evil affected to our state, working all the way that they can, that our kingdom may not be firmly established; therefore have we commanded, that they should be signified in writing unto you, Amen, who is ordained over the river, that the heire of a father unto us, shall, all, with their wives and children, be utterly destroyed by the sword of our enemies, without mercy and pity, the fourteenth day of Adar, in the month Adar of this present year: that they, who are of old and now also are multitudes, may in one day with violence go down to the grave, and no more ever cause our affairs to be well settled, and without trouble.

8 Then Mordechek made his prayer unto the Lord, calling to remembrance 9 all the works of the Lord, and said, O Lord, thou King Almighty: for the whole world is thine, and the riches thereof; 10 and if he thy will to save Israel, there is no man that can gain thee. 11 And thou knowest all things, and thou knowest, Lord, that it was neither in contempt nor pride, nor for any design of glory, that I did bow down to no man. 12 Plead, Lord, for thy people, because of the two eunuchs of the king. 13 Now this is the copy of the letter: The king Artaxerxes writeth these things to the princes of a hundred and seventy and fifty provinces from India unto Ethiopia, and to the governors that are set under them. After that I became lord over many nations, and had dominion over the kings of the earth, and made men's souls to perish by the pre- sumption of my authority, but carrying myself always with equity and justice; purpose to settle my subjects continually in a quiet life, and make my kingdom peaceful, and open for peace to the utmost coasts of the

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16. 5

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON.

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6 them in remissful calamities: beguiling with the false deceit of their lev'd deceptions, and his good will of 7 princes. Now ye may see this, as we have declared, not so much by more 8 all the latter, ye, ye may, if ye 9 search what had been wickedly done of late through the pestilent behaviour of 10 them that ashyed of his 11 authority. And we must take care for the 12 time to come, to render our kingly 13 quiet and peaceable for all men, 14 both, by changing our purposes, 15 and a wise disposing of things that come 16 before our eyes with more equal proceed. 17 For, of Amah a Macedonian, the son 18 of Amathus, an alien in truth from the 19 Persians blood, and far distant from 20 the thing as such as a gentle received 21 of us, had so far forth obtained the fa- 22 vour that we shew towards every nation, 23 that as he was called our father, and 24 continually exalted of all men, as the 25 next person unto the royal throne. 26 But he, not bearing his high estate, 27 went about to deprive us of our kings 28 and our life: having by manifold and 29 cunning deceits sought us of our 30 destruction, as well as Macedonians, who 31 saved our life, and continually procured our good, as also of Esther, and 32 without our kingdom, 33 14 together with their whole nation. For 34 he, who had been thought, finding us 35 destitute of friends, to have translated 36 the kingdom of the Persians to the 37 Macedonians. But we find out that the 38 Jews, whom this most ungracious wrench had delivered to utter de- 39 struction, are no evildoers, but live 40 by most just laws: and that they be 41 children of the most high and most 42 mighty living God, none so much as 43 the kingdom both unto us and to our 44 predecessors in the land of Abra- 45 ham. Therefore ye shall do well not 46 to put in execution the letters sent un- 47 to you by Aman the son of Amathus. 48 For, he that was the worker of these 49 things, is hanged at the gates of Sce- 50 with all his family: God, who ruleth 51 all things, speedily rendering venge- 52 ance to him according to his deserts, 53 17 therefore ye shall publish openly the 54 copy of this letter in all your lands, and 55 let the Jews live after their own laws, 56 and ye shall aim that, even the same day, being the thirteenth day of the twelfth month Adar, they may defend themselves against those who set upon them in the time of their 56 21 affliction. For Almighty God hath 57 made this day to be a joy unto them, 58 instead of the destruction of the 59 zee people. And ye shall therefore 60 among your commemorative feasts keep it a holy day with all feasting: 61 that both now and hereafter there may 62 be safety to us, and the well affected Persians: but to those which do con- 63 24 tinue, I. Therefore every city or country 64 whatsoever, which shall be despising 65 25 ing to these things, shall be utterly destr 66stroyed, without mercy with fire and 67 sword; it shall be a memorial unto the 68 Jews, whom this most ungracious wrench had delivered to utter de- 69 struction, are no evildoers, but live 70 by most just laws: and that they be 71 children of the most high and most 72 mighty living God, none so much as 73 the kingdom both unto us and to our 74 predecessors in the land of Abra- 75 ham. Therefore ye shall do well not 76 to put in execution the letters sent un- 77 to you by Aman the son of Amathus. 78 For, he that was the worker of these 79 things, is hanged at the gates of Sce- 80 with all his family: God, who ruleth 81 all things, speedily rendering venge- 82 ance to him according to his deserts, 83 Therefore ye shall publish openly the 84 copy of this letter in all your lands, and 85 let the Jews live after their own laws, 86 and ye shall aim that, even the same day, being the thirteenth day of the twelfth month Adar, they may defend themselves against those who set upon them in the time of their 86 21 affliction. For Almighty God hath 87 made this day to be a joy unto them, 88 instead of the destruction of the 89 zee people. And ye shall therefore 90 among your commemorative feasts keep it a holy day with all feasting: 91 that both now and hereafter there may 92 be safety to us, and the well affected Persians: but to those which do con- 93 24 tinue, I. Therefore every city or country 94 whatsoever, which shall be despising 95 25 ing to these things, shall be utterly destr 96 destroyed, without mercy with fire and 97 sword; it shall be a memorial unto the 98 Jews, whom this most ungracious wrench had delivered to utter de-