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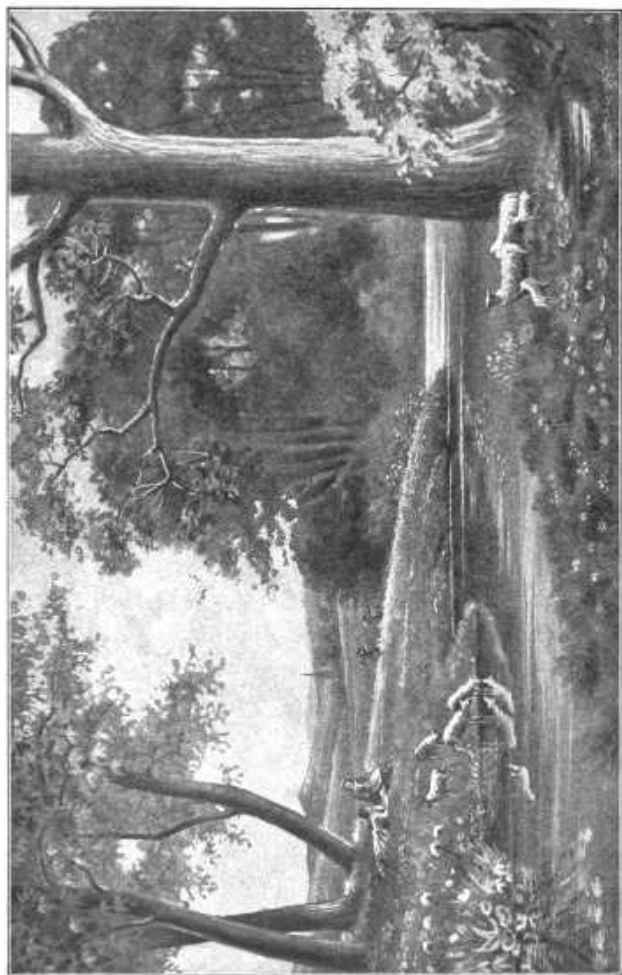
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Introduction



IN ancient times there existed a kingdom whose king ruled the world. This wonderful kingdom was Babylon. When it had reached the pinnacle of its power, its ruler retired one night, and as he reposed he tried to fathom the future. Inspiration says of him, "As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what shall come to pass hereafter." Dan. 2: 29.

Every individual thinks at times of the future, and wonders what it holds in store for him, what its development will unfold. All are curious concerning it, and await with earnest expectation the transpiring of events.

The wealthy man wonders how his property will be distributed at his decease. Will his heirs carry out the provisions of his last will and testament? or will they disagree, and resort to the courts for settlement, and perchance the lawyers secure the greater part of the estate?

The poor man, battling manfully with the perplexities of life, meditates concerning the future of his helpless family. Who will care for and support them should he be removed by the hand of death?

Some minds grasp broader views of the future than merely the contemplation of worldly attainments and prosperity for themselves and their descendants. Some think of the future destiny of society, the church, the state, the nation, and of the very world itself.

Is society always to be composed of the good and the bad, of the virtuous and the corrupt? Is the world itself evermore to rest under the curse of sin? Will mankind always live upon it?

Will the race become extinct? If so, what will become of the earth itself?

What was the design of our Creator in forming our world? There are but few persons who do not enjoy living in it. Its towering mountains, beautiful landscapes, flowing streams, thundering cataracts, blooming flowers, dark green forests, broad prairies, and wide oceans, are so charming that all are constrained to confess that although sin and death mar the face of nature, its beauties far outnumber its deformities.

Some holy motive must have prompted our heavenly Father in creating the world. In the book of Isaiah we have His motive revealed: "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord, and there is none else." Isa. 45: 18. This scripture certainly sets forth in a plain, direct way the purpose of the Lord in creating the world. He formed it to be inhabited by a race of noble beings who should conform entirely to His holy will, and thus, through them, manifest to principalities and powers in heavenly places the manifold wisdom of God. How long were they to inhabit it? For a few generations, covering a few thousand years, and then was the race to become extinct? — Certainly not. If such is to be the case, it assuredly seems in vain to have created it.

It is recorded of our Saviour that "by Him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth." Col. 1: 16. When He dwelt among men, He stated His mission to the world in such explicit terms that none can mistake the nature of it. He declares in Luke 19: 10, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Certainly His mission to a fallen world was one of salvation and restoration. Note the expression used in the scripture just quoted,— "is come to seek and to save *that* which was lost," not *them* who were lost. "*That* which was lost," is a clause which is very comprehensive, more so than if it read, "*them* who were lost." The word "*them*" would include only the individuals involved in the ruin,