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“IF THE WHOLE SCHEME OF SCRIP-  
“TURE EVER COMES TO BE UNDERSTOOD,  
“BEFORE THE RESTITUTION OF ALL  
“THINGS, AND WITHOUT MIRACULOUS  
“INTERPOSITIONS, IT MUST BE IN THE  
“SAME WAY AS NATURAL KNOWLEDGE  
“IS COME AT: BY THE CONTINUANCE  
“AND PROGRESS OF LEARNING AND  
“LIBERTY; AND BY PARTICULAR PER-  
“SONS ATTENDING TO, COMPARING,  
“AND PURSUING, INTIMATIONS SCAT-  
“TERED UP AND DOWN, WHICH ARE  
“OVERLOOKED AND DISREGARDED BY  
“THE GENERALITY OF THE WORLD.”—  
*BISHOP BUTLER'S ANALOGY OF RELI-  
GION TO THE CONSTITUTION AND  
COURSE OF NATURE.*

saw in the night visions, and behold a **FOURTH BEAST**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured, and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was **DIVERSE FROM ALL THE BEASTS THAT WERE BEFORE IT**; and it had **TEN HORNS**. I saw in the night visions, and behold, **ONE LIKE THE SONS OF MEN** came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the **ANCIENT OF DAYS**, and they brought **HIM** near before **HIM**. And there was given **HIM** dominion, and glory, and a kingdom; that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve **HIM** \* \* \* \*

I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. These great beasts, which are four, are **FOUR KINGS** which must arise **OUT OF THE EARTH**. The fourth beast will be the **FOURTH KINGDOM UPON EARTH**; which will be **DIVERSE FROM ALL KINGDOMS**, and will devour the whole earth, and will tread it down, and break it in pieces. But the judgment will sit, and his dominion will be taken away; and the kingdom, and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under



the whole heaven, will be given to the PEOPLE OF THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH; whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions must serve and obey HIM."

The THREE FIRST BEASTS, or the empires of THE BABYLONIANS, THE PERSIANS, and THE MACEDONIANS, having successively passed away, the FOURTH BEAST, or KINGDOM, of the prophecy stood revealed in the iron domination of THE ROMANS; and to the consequent enquiry, WHENCE CAME THE ROMANS? that people have insisted on replying, in the words of their great poet, "AB ORIS TROJÆ: GENUS UNDE LATINUM; ALBANIQUE PATRES; ATQUE ALTÆ MCENIA ROMÆ."

ÆNEAS,\* escaping from the destruction of Troy, after many adventures and dangers, arrived in Italy, where he was kindly received by LATINUS, the king of THE LATINS, who gave him his daughter in marriage. ÆNEAS built a city, which was called LAVINIUM, in honour of his wife. ASCANIUS, his son, succeeded to the kingdom, and to him SILVIUS, a second son; and the succession continued for more than three hundred years in the

\* Goldsmith's Roman History.

family; NUMITOR, the fifteenth from Æneas, being the last king. ROMULUS and REMUS, the grandsons of Numitor, resolved to build a town upon the hills where they had lived as shepherds; and, REMUS being slain, ROMULUS laid the foundations of that city which was one day to give law to the world. It was called ROME."

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But this tradition, which commanded the implicit belief of the Romans themselves, and was held by them in almost religious reverence, has by the learned of our own times been rejected and discarded; and the story of a Trojan colony in Latium is now denounced as fabulous, poetical, and DESTITUTE\* OF THE SLIGHTEST FOUNDATION IN HISTORICAL TRUTH. Still, the critical acumen which has been found powerful to destroy, has proved impotent to construct; it has deprived us of the ancient faith, but it does not offer us a better creed: at the present hour, all is confusion and conjecture; and the story of the foundation of Rome, and the people from whom THE ETERNAL CITY sprung, are admitted to be the very points about which the learned are most ignorant.†

\* Niebuhr.

† Ibid.

Unspeakable, then, must our astonishment be, when we perceive, that this grand secret was certainly discovered, and disclosed, more than twelve hundred years ago; that the true answer to the question **WHENCE CAME THE ROMANS?** may have been returned, and even registered in writing, before the birth of Christ; that the response proceeded neither from Greek nor Roman, but from the **DESPISED JEW**; that it has been preserved to us in the **JEWISH TARGUMS**; that it exists amidst the fables and impieties, the absurdities and the blasphemies, of the **JEWISH TALMUD**; and that it may be comprehended in these twenty words: **THE ROMANS CAME FROM ESAU, WHO IS EDOM; AND ITALY IS THE IDUMEA, ROME THE BOZRAH, OF THE HEBREW PROPHETS.**

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“The descendants of Esau,” say the **JEWISH RABBINS**,\* “the sworn enemies of the descendants of Jacob, even to the end of the world, were at first a small nation, inhabiting Mount Seir and the adjacent country, contiguous to the land of Canaan. They were easily confined within their own limits,

\* Allen's Modern Judaism; London, 1816.

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