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“With these in troop
Came Astoreth, whom the Phœnicians called
Astarte, Queen of Heaven, with crescent horns;
To whose bright image nightly by the moon
Sidonian virgins made their vows and songs,
In Sion also not unsung, where stood
Her temple on the offensive mountain, built
By that uxorious king, whose heart, though large,
Beguiled by fair idolatresses, fell
To idols foul.”

MILTON'S *Paradise Lost*, l. 437—446.

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KATHARINE ELIZABETH WILLS,

This Volume is Inscribed

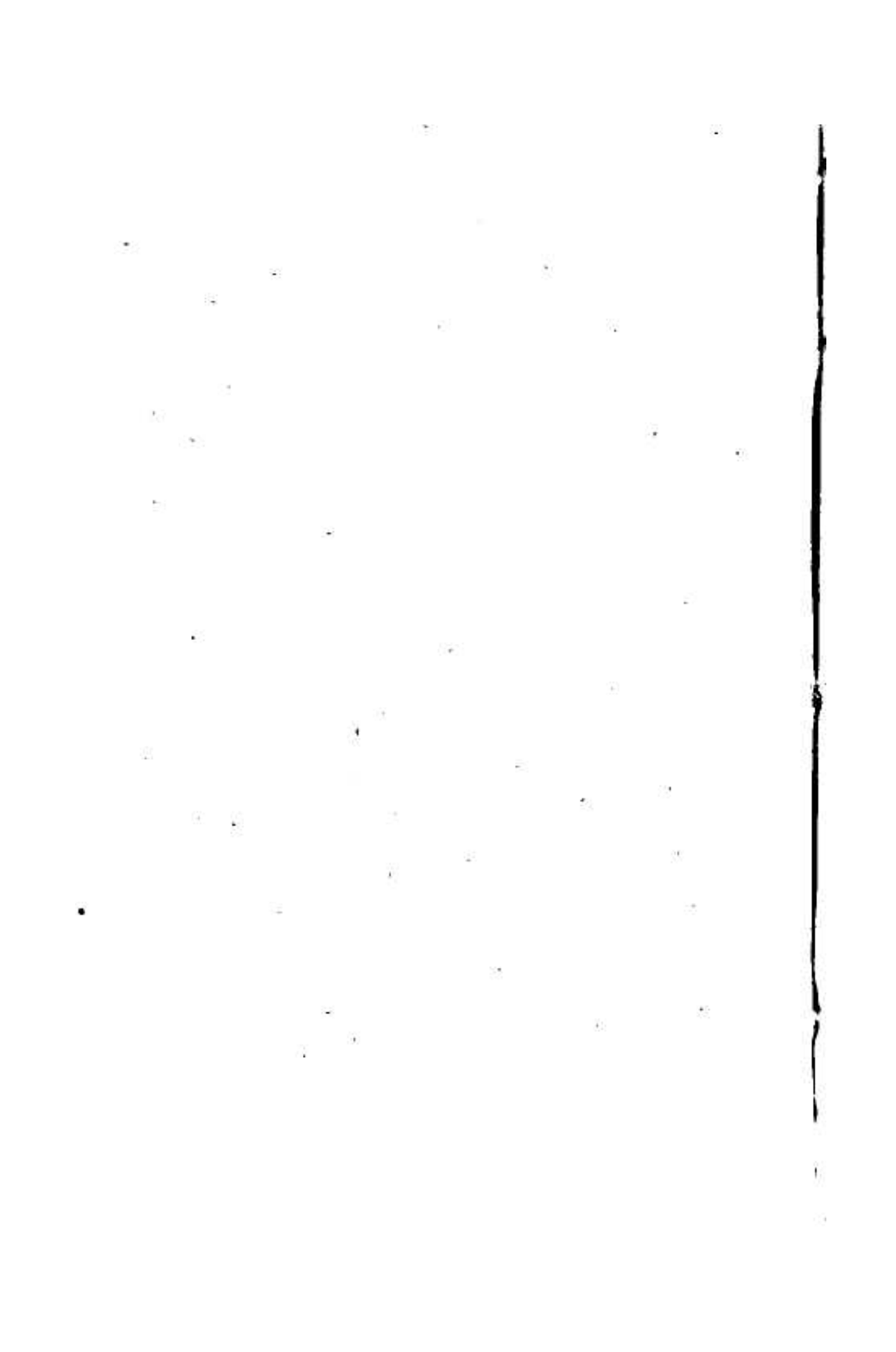
AS A GRATEFUL TRIBUTE TO HER STERLING NOBILITY
OF CHARACTER,

AND AS A HEARTFELT TESTIMONY OF DEVOTED
AFFECTION.



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Dramatis Personæ.

KING OF ISRAEL.

STRANGER.

JERADA, *the Idolatress.*

ISDRAFIL, *her brother.*

TAMAR, *daughter of PHARAOH.*

PRIESTESS OF ASTAROTH.

PRIESTS, LEVITES, CHORUS, ATTENDANTS, SPIRITS.

SCENE—JERUSALEM.