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OF THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM?



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PREFACE.

This Lecture was read at the Bristol Fine Arts Academy, in aid of a fund for building a School-room in my parish; and, having been successful in that instance, I have been induced to publish it, with some enlargement, and with the addition of the most important authorities, in behalf of another parochial School-room; which, I am happy to say, has also been erected by the subscriptions contributed to this volume.

I trust, however, that it may be further useful, as unfolding a subject of considerable attraction to those who take an interest in Biblical antiquities, and especially as presenting an important illustration of our Lord's marvellous prophetic prescience; a subject which cannot be lightly regarded by those who feel, as Christians, a godly jealousy for the truthful honour of their Lord's Word.

In vain did Titus try to save the Temple; in vain did Julian endeavour to rebuild it: the Word of God stood fast: and, if men call in question its veracity, 'the stone will cry out of the wall' in defence of it, as indeed it has done in the present day. The Sculptures of Nineveh are indisputable witnesses to the historic records of the Old Testament, as those on the Arch of Titus illustrate the prophetic pages of the New.

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Ὁ τ' ἐξελέγχων μόνος
ἀλάθειαν ἐτήνημον
χρόνος τὸ δὲ σαφανὲς ἰὼν πόρρω
κατέφρασεν, ὅσα τὰν πολέμοιο δόσιν
ἀκρόθωα διελὼν ἔθνε.

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1. IN our Lord's last public address to the Jews, when about to take his final departure from the Temple, He tells them that the heaviest woes are hanging over them,—their rulers, their teachers, themselves and their metropolis,—and that their House would be left unto them desolate; that House in which they so much gloried, which He no longer calls his Father's House, but theirs; for the Lord was about to withdraw from it and to give it up to ruin.

Our Lord's
last words
to the Jews.
Paschal
week.
A. D. 63.

‘Behold,’ said He, ‘I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes; and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them ye shall scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city; that upon you may come all the