

the sweat of his brow. But beyond this punishment there was yet a greater, for God, finding them unfitted for the beautiful garden that He had provided for them, drove Adam and Eve out of Eden, and to prevent their return He placed at the east of the garden cherubim in whose hands were flaming swords with which the gates were guarded. Instead of perpetual joy and everlasting



VISION OF THE CHERUBIM.

"And He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubim."—GEN. iii. 24.

life, which were their original inheritance, God rightfully afflicted them with sorrow and doomed them and their descendants, forever, to death, yet His mercifulness was exhibited even in His anger, for though they should pass through the grave, immortality was provided by a resurrection and redemption which should ultimately restore them to the blissful condition in which they were first placed.