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The Gospel.

Divisions. Introduction; Christ's genealogy, birth; visit of the wise men; flight to Egypt; return to Nazareth; John the Baptist's preparatory ministry; Christ's baptism and consecration to His office by the Holy Spirit, with the Father's declared approval (chaps. i.—iii.). Temptation; ministry in Galilee; call of disciples (chap. iv.). Sermon on the mount (chaps. v.—vii.). Events in order, proving His claim to Messiahship by miracles (chaps. viii., ix.). Appointment of apostles; doubts of John's disciples; carils of the Pharisees; on the other hand His loving invitations; miracles, series of parables on the kingdom;

effects of His ministry on Herod and various classes; prophecy to His disciples of His coming death (chaps. x.—xviii. 35). Ministry in Judea and Jerusalem (chaps. xix., xx.). Passion week: entry into Jerusalem; opposition to Him by Herodians, Sadducees, Pharisees; silences them all; denunciation of the Pharisees (chaps. xxi.—xxiii.). Last discourses: His coming as Lord and Judge (chaps. xxiv., xxv.). Passion and resurrection (chaps. xxvi.—xxviii.).

Matthias. Elected to the apostleship instead of Judas the traitor. One "of those which accompanied with Jesus' disciples all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among them" (Acts i. 21-26). [See APOSTLES.] The 120 disciples nominated ("appointed") two, JOSEPH BARSAZAS [see] and M., having the requirements. The choice between the two was committed in prayer to the Searcher of hearts; LOTS [see] were then cast, in accordance with Lev. xvi. 8, Prov. xvi. 33, and M. chosen. As yet the apostles had not received the full gift of the Holy Ghost. After His descent on Pentecost casting of lots was never repeated, as "the discerning of spirits" in the church made it no longer needful. Eusebius (H. E. i. 12) and Epiphanius (i. 20) make M. to have been of the 70 disciples.

Mauzzim. Marg. Dan. xi. 38, "the god of forces," rather "of fortresses." The reference may be to the fact that Antiochus Epiphanes erected a temple to Jupiter Capitolinus at Antioch, and dedicated Jehovah's temple at Jerusalem to Jupiter Olympius (Livy xii. 20. 2 Mac. vi. 2.). Furst suggests Melkart the Hercules of Tyre, "the fortress" or "stronghold (ma'oz) of the sea." New Tyre was on a rock surrounded by the sea (Isa. xxiii. 4.).

Mazzroth. Job xxxviii. 32, "canst thou bring forth the signs of the zodiac at their respective seasons?" Mazzroth in 2 Kings xxiii. 5 marg., the 12 lodgings or stopping places (from Arabic *manzil* "an inn"), in which the sun successively stays or appears to stay in the sky. Gesenius supports marg., Job xxxviii. 32, "the 12 signs," lit., "premonitions," i.e. "stars that give warnings or presages."

Meadow. Gen xli. 2. *Achu*: an Egyptian word, *akh akh*, "verdant," transl. therefore rather "in the reel grass." So Job viii. 11 "rush," the paper reed or papyrus of the Nile; "can the *achu* grow without water?" The fat kine feed on reed grass which in the plentiful years grew to the very margin of the water, but the lean stood on the dry "brink" (Gen. xli. 2. 3.).

"Out of the meadows of Gibeah" (Jud. ix. 33): *ma'areh* rather, "from the naked (from 'aran 'to strip' of trees) plains of Gibeah."

Generation. Heb. *dor*, "revolution," period of time; 100 years in the patriarchal age (Gen. xv. 13, 16; Exod. xii. 40), afterwards 30 or 40 years (Job xlii. 16. Luke i. 50). On plural GENERATIONS, Heb. *toloth*, see **GENEALOGY**. Mankind is ethnologically ranged under three heads in Gen. x. 3, 6, 22, "the sons of Japheth, Ham, Shem." Modern science by independent research arrives at a similar threefold division into Semitic, Aryan, and Turanian (Allophylian). Genesis, in accordance with modern ethnology, classifies together the Cymry or Celts (Gomer), the Medes (Madai), and the Ionians or Greeks (Javan); thus anticipating the Indo-European theory, which makes the European races (represented by the Celts and the Ionians) akin to the Aryans (represented by the Asiatic Madai or Medes). Also Scripture, in agreement with ethnology, groups together as "children of Shem" (i.e. Semites) Amhar (Assyrians), Aram (Syrians), Eber (Hebrews), and Joktan (the Joktanian Arabs). Also it rightly classifies under the "sons of Ham" Cush (Ethiopians), Mizraim (Egyptians), Sheba and Dedan (certain southern Arabs), Nimrod (i.e. the oldest Babylonians), [See HANAN.] Sir H. Rawlinson truly terms "the generations (genealogy) of the sons of Noah," "the most authentic record we possess for the affiliation of nations" (Journ. Asiat. Soc., xv. 230).