

The sound of the bells served also to announce to the worshippers when the solemn service by him was being conducted. The bells were symbolical of the high priest's duty to preserve the Divine Word in its fulness, and to announce it to the people. The Jewish writers say that this method of inquiring the will of God terminated when Solomon built the temple. It is certain that but little is afterwards recorded concerning it; for the reason that the high priests in general neglected their duty, and the prophets, as extraordinary messengers of God, were appointed to supersede them. It, however, finally ceased at the captivity of the Children of Israel. And from the time of the prophets the will of God was not communicated to man until

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arose, and made known His will to His true Church, from His treasury of Divine