

great variety of ceremonies and sacrifices are established, all uniting to form the outlines of the portrait. The most significant were the sacrifices. Each day the blood of victims, the perpetual immolation of the lamb in the temple of Jerusalem, unceasingly reminded the Jewish people of the future Victim, whose sacrifice was to re-place all others, and to which they owed all their merit. Of this no Jew was ignorant. Yet these mere outlines are not sufficient, the different parts must be filled up, the colors must be added, the light and shade must be so justly blended, that the likeness may be perfect, and leave no possibility of mistaking the original. Follow the prophets, whose intelligence God, in his wisdom, associates with his own infinite intelligence, and to whom he communicates the hidden things of the future. He places before their eyes the *Desired* of nations, and bids them make the likeness with such precision, render the features so clear, so characteristic, so circumstantial, that it shall be impossible not to recognize, at sight, this Son of David, who will save the world. The prophets, to accredit their predictions concerning the Messiah, foretell events, nearer their own time, all of which faithfully occur at the time and in the manner foretold. Daniel foretells the precise time of the Messiah's appearance; all things are made ready for his coming.

6. THE PREPARATION FOR THE MESSIAH. After five hundred years of prophecies, perfectly characterizing and pointing out the Messiah, marking the place and time of his birth, and giving in detail his actions, we must prepare for his glorious appearance. The eternal