

through his licentiousness and the profligacy of his life was bereft of his reason, and was driven forth to eat grass with the oxen, until his body was wet with the dew of heaven, while Daniel, under his successors, was elevated to a position of vice-regal authority, and his companions, because they dared to worship their God and keep themselves pure, were cast into a fiery furnace. But their reward was near. They walked unharmed in its midst, and the form of a fourth was seen walking and talking with them, and it looked as though it were the Son of God. And they came forth to be in turn promoted to sit in scarlet robes in the gates of the city, and to-day He who trod the wine-press of the wrath of God alone, will reward the few in Sardis who have not defiled their garments.