

the name of the Living God, and at great personal risk threw in her lot with the people of God. Why did not the others act as Rahab? The Gibeonites were deeply impressed, and sought alliance with Israel. The lives of the Patriarchs displayed the mildness of the Gospel of Christ. The return of Israel displayed justice and judgment to come. Could Gospel teaching be more beautifully tempered towards any people in any age? Everyone must confess that the missionary spirit was abroad in all these events.

2nd. Egypt was about this time the great world power, and at the height of her glory. And it seems as though the great Father heart of God was turned towards Egypt in love, and he said, "What shall I do for great Egypt?" And He said, "This I will do, I will send down Joseph, a worshipper of the True and Living God, and plant him with all my wonders, and in the sight of all Egypt, in the highest seat of office and of honor, next to Pharaoh. The Canaanites have refused me. I will bring all the Gospel light, Jacob and his household, and concentrate it upon Egypt." With the resources at hand, could God have done more for Egypt? Who will point us to a grander missionary effort in any age? We are very apt to look upon the bondage in Egypt simply as it affected Israel. But there is another side to this great event, viz.: God's gracious designs towards Egypt, and we must not hide the light of the one in the glory of the other.

3rd. In the days of Solomon, Phoenicia, a little country to the north-west of Israel, was at the height of its power. Shall there be any missionary zeal displayed towards this people? God gave them a King Hiram, a man endowed with many virtues. Solomon and Hiram worked together like two brothers in the building of the great temple. The men of the two nations worked side by side in thousands. Hiram and his people knew all about

the True God, and His temple, and His worship. What a kindly Gospel light was shed over all that northern land. Lebanon was full of the glory of the Lord. Oh, the matchless love of God our Saviour!

4th. It was about this time that Sheba was a country of some importance, to the southward of Israel, and God gave Sheba a gracious-hearted queen, and she heard "of the fame of Solomon, concerning the name of the Lord." "And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, and communed with Solomon of all that was in her heart." Is there anything more beautiful than this narrative in all the annals of missionary romance? Was it not a God of Love dealing kindly with an enquiring soul? Was there anything withheld from this queen and her people? Then why did the truth fall to the ground and bear no continued fruit?

5th. During the days of the kings, Syria became a great nation, and Naaman prevailed against Israel, and a little Hebrew girl carried the lamp of life into the house of the great general. His deep necessity brought him as a suppliant to the door of the prophet, and he returned home carrying the faith of the Gospel in his heart. These things were not done in a corner. Multitudes must have known of the Divine healing. Where will you find a better example of kindness to an enemy, and of doing good to one who has done injury? All the kindness of the Gospel was displayed in these events.

6th. A little later in history Assyria became a great nation and Nineveh an exceeding great city—great in wickedness as in material proportions. The heart of Jehovah went out towards the millions of Assyria, and He sent a prophet of Israel on a Foreign Mission enterprise to Nineveh. He brought Jonah to the point of complete willingness and consecration for his work, and filled his lips with a telling message so that king and people humbled themselves before