

sequel, (1) that Joseph removed the body to the land of Canaan, and deposited it in the cave of Machpelah, the sepulchre of Abraham and of Isaac.—The Jewish economy was amongst other things one of retributive justice in this world, and we find that God generally punished the vices and infidelities of his chosen people by different captivities, as his sorest chastisements; and when they returned unto the Lord, he shewed again his mercy and favor by permitting them to return to their own country and temple as the greatest blessings.—(2) And the children of Israel, says Ezra, who were come again out of captivity, kept the feast with joy.—Who is not touched with the plaintive, yet affectionate language of the Psalmist, when deploring the captivity of Jacob? (3) “By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee O Sion? as for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein; for they that led us away captive required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness, sing us one of the songs of Sion—How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land—If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.”—“And who, on the other hand is not equally delighted with his rapturous exclamations, when speaking of the happiness of return.” (4) “When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion, then were we like unto them that dream—Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with joy.”—And in another Psalm, where he gives thanks more especially for the restoration of religious services to the Almighty, he utters these pious and benevolent wishes in behalf of his beloved city and countrymen—(5) “O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee—Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces—For my brethren and companions’ sakes, I will wish thee prosperity”—And in the Gospel, which is the book of glad tidings of great joy to all people, methinks, we find some countenance to our statement—(6) “And when he was come near, says St. Luke, speak-

(1) Gen. 49, 30.; (2) Ezra. 6, 22.; (3) Psalm 137.; (4) 126.; (5) 122.; (6) Luke 19, 41, 42.; 5 These words were set as an anthem and sung in the course of the service.

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