

PROPHECY.

IT is an unquestionable fact that the appearance in this world of a divine person who could be seen and handled, is the most important event this planet has known, and more particularly, because the physical presentation, was a necessity for the accomplishment of a moral work, of such magnitude that the effects of it will continue undiminished in value, and lustre, throughout time and eternity.

An issue had been raised between God and man of a nature affecting the foundation of the throne itself; a throne established in righteousness. A creature—a fallen race—had risen in rebellion against the Creator; a rebellion in which the wisdom, the majesty, the holiness, and the mercy of God were involved: and the question immediately presented was, how could God be just, and justify an insolent rebel; or merciful, and make no provision for his recovery: was His wisdom at fault, or was His outraged majesty not to be vindicated.

The conditions, dreadful as they were, were still further intensified by the utter callousness of man, and his insensibility to the holiness of God; to his own depravity, and consequently to the vast moral, and utterly impassible distance in which he was from God. Man was placed upon his trial in order to prove his inability to bridge the awful gulf, and to close forever his boastful mouth, until after one hundred probationary periods had run their course, God brought forth and manifested His righteousness,

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