

pared with Christianity, whether in its letter or spirit, it is but an elementary system, and intended to serve the spiritual interests of mankind while in a state of nonage ; but what an advance on the older religions as they are now known alike respecting the knowledge of God and the manner in which he behoved to be worshipped ; principally what an advance on the forms and spirit which should characterize his worship. The charge which Moses gave to the people, as recorded in the 4th chapter of Deuteronomy, is an eternal witness to the superiority of Judaism over all previous modes of faith in spirituality and form, and proves that idolatry in all its phases is abhorrent to the nature and the worship of the true God. " Take ye, therefore, good heed unto yourselves, for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spoke unto you in Horeb, out of the midst of the fire, lest ye corrupt yourselves and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, the likeness of anything that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth ; and lest thou lift up thine eyes to heaven and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be drawn to worship them and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath revealed unto all nations under the whole heaven. But the Lord hath taken you and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto Him a people of inheritance as ye are this day. Take ye heed lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of anything which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee, for the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a zealous God."

And so in like manner when Judaism had served its end, and having decayed and waxed old vanished away—when