

moment's indulgence. Man felt that he had ruined himself, had destroyed himself, and man felt the yearning that one of his own kin, and one of his own flesh and blood, should arise to repair the terrible ruin, restore the lost paradise, and bring back the alienated inheritance. That was a deep want, a constant yearning in the breast of man, from the moment in which the Lord God drove him forth from the Garden of Eden. And in order that it might become a beaming hope, that it might be cherished in all his life, that it might illumine the darkness of his path, that it might burn before him as a bright particular star, that it might lead him onward, that it might guide his feet into the way of peace, God lighted up the lamp of prophecy, and brightly it shone.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the Day Star arise in your hearts." And so from the very beginning the prophets pointed onward to the coming of the Son of Man. "A Sceptre shall arise out of Israel." "I shall see Him, but not now; I shall behold Him, but not nigh." "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." "The desire of all nations shall come."

"Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it and to establish it, with judgment and with justice from henceforth, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this." So spake the seraphic Isaiah.

And the illustrious Daniel said: "I saw in the night visions, and behold, One like unto the Son of Man, came with the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion and glory and a Kingdom that all people, nations and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."