

is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins, her companions that follow her, shall be brought unto thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace. Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth:" Psalm xlv. 9-16. It might be supposed, at first sight, that these king's daughters and virgins that accompany the Bride, the Lamb's wife, are people of other nations; but by comparing that account with other portions, we shall find, that they are of the same people with the Bride, although on their way only to the King's palace; for companions and fellows must mean the same thing; and as we have some of themselves called fellows to others of themselves, why should we not treat words of the same import and connection in the same way? "Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the land of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand:" Ezek. xxxvii. 19. The same idea, with regard to the joining together of the whole materials of the holy city, New Jerusalem, is expressed in both these places; for one part of the Scriptures is not given to contradict another: but all speak one harmonious, and consistent language. Now the tribes of Israel are scattered and sifted among all nations, and messengers are sent forth to teach all nations, and to preach the Gospel to every creature; therefore all have like advantages, and if they deem themselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, Paul shall turn to the Gentiles.

These are the views which I have been enabled to put together from the Word of God, with regard to