

SECOND PRIEST. When we are cleansed, Jehovah will transform
This tear-worn wall into a diamond more
Brilliant than the Sun. That will be seen in
The extreme parts of Earth, to be a guiding-
Star to those who may droop by the way, and
Become lost in the wilderness.

FIRST PRIEST. It stands a silent testimonial
Of the suffering of the Children of
Israel. From the fatal moment of
The destruction of the temple, they were
Carried away to be sold as slaves. A
Few of the faithful hid in tombs and
Caverns, and secreted themselves beneath
The falling columns, remained on the spot
Endeared to them by so many blissful
Reminiscences, and by the promises
Of their hereafter. The Roman centurions
Pursued them. The Greeks persecuted them.
The Persians slew them. The followers of
Mohammed tracked them with fire and sword. The
Crusaders trampled upon their necks; yet
They refused to abandon the home of
Their Fathers. With the Laws of Moses, and
The sacred Rolls of Esdras, they read in
Chambers, in caves and deserted places.
The Mosque of the Mohammedans reared its
Domes and minarets upon the site of
God's Temple; and they, the rightful inheritors
Of all the Land of Promise, crawled in abject
Submission to this wall, to pray for the
Peace of Jerusalem. They never despaired.
Centuries rolled on. Nations arose,
Flourished, decayed and fell; yet they still
Existed, increased in numbers. Under
Every privation and persecution