

John himself; since without this one occurrence of Moses in Revelation this elaborate numeric design is—destroyed. But the Hebrew text of the Old Testament was already settled centuries before John; the text was most zealously guarded by the Jews even to its jots and tittles; and since the numeric schemes run through both Testaments as a unit, the alterations in the text must have been made by a hated Christian. So far as to the impossibility of deliberately altering the Old Testament; yet the numeric scheme, if deliberately put into the Bible thus positively demands such alteration. Any tampering, however, with the text of the New Testament, even by the apostle John himself, would be rebuked at least by the Diotrepheses of his day who did not shrink even from refusing to receive him. Moreover, for the purpose of carrying out the numeric design alterations in the New Testament without any in the Old would be of no avail. And even apart from these considerations nothing short of miraculous skill would be required for carrying out this design even in the case of the name of Moses alone. David's case with his 1,134 occurrences presents, however, the same need of miraculous skill; the same is true of the rest of the seven names which form a special group with Moses and David, in Sees. 5, 14, 16-17, 20-21. And again several of the numeric features run already *through the Old Testament alone independent of the New.*

29. On mere human grounds, therefore, these numeric phenomena, even those of the name of