

Heb. x. 37, 38—
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come nigh thy dwelling;" or, "Fear not, for I have re-
 deemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art
 mine: when thou passest through the waters, I will be with
 thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee;"
 or, once more, "We know that all things work together for
 good to them that love God, to them who are the called
 according to his purpose."

From this point the remainder of the chapter is occu-
 pied with a representation of the wickedness and destined
 punishment of the Chaldeans.

VER. 5.—"Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine,
 He is a proud man, neither keepeth at home."

Ancient profane authors testify that the Chaldeans were
 greatly addicted to the excessive use of wine, and to disso-
 luteness of every species; and their habits in this respect
 are here mentioned as a chief *cause* that contributed to
 the formation of their proud and violent characters. We
 can easily picture to our imaginations the Babylonian king
 and his nobles intoxicating themselves at their banquets,
 and when heated by intemperate indulgence, forming and
 entering upon new schemes of aggression.

"Who enlargeth his desire as hell" (properly, "the grave.")

"There are three things that are never satisfied; yea, four
 things say not, It is enough; the grave," &c.

"And is as death, and cannot be satisfied,
 But gathereth unto him all nations,
 And heapeth unto him all people."

Such being the dissolute, proud, rapacious character of
 the Chaldeans, judgment, it is intimated, should certainly
 overtake them. The time was coming when the inhabi-
 tants of the various lands which had been wasted by the
 Chaldean armies, would sing songs of triumph over the ex-
 tinction of the name of their oppressors.

VER. 6.—"Shall not all these take up a parable" (or song) "against him,
 And a taunting proverb against him, and say,
 Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long?"