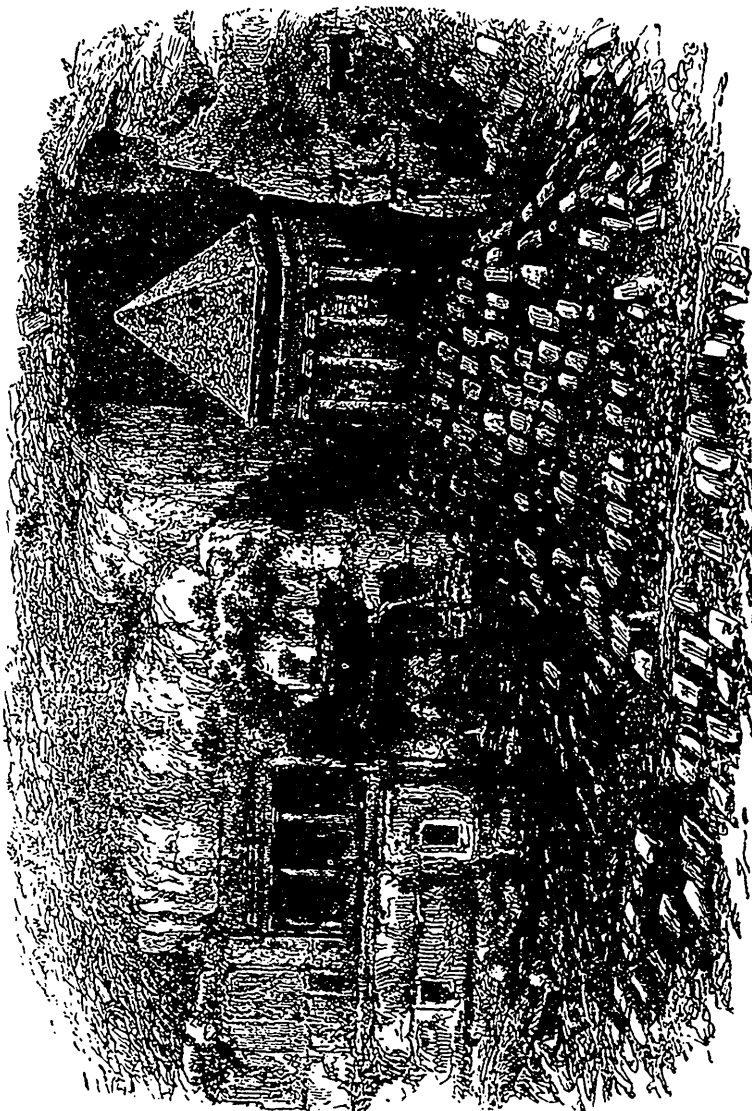


in fires that were not quenched day or night, was burned the offal of the city—the symbol of the worm that dieth not—the fire that is not quenched. It became literally, as predicted by the



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prophet, a “valley of slaughter,” and during the last dread siege by the Romans, over half a million dead bodies filled the valley, until “there was no more place.”

Emerging from this sombre gorge, the valley opens into a smiling, fertile spot, known as the “King’s Dale,” or Solomon’s