

628. King Josiah taketh care for the repair of the Temple at Jerusalem, 624 B.C. II. Kings, chap. xxii.
942. Asa's good reign. I. Kings, chap. xv. Homer living.
 "Three poets in three distant ages born,
 Greece, Italy and England did adorn.
 The first, in loftiness of thought surpassed.—*Dryden*.
1256. Israel delivered into the hands of the Midianites. Gideon (in 1249 B.C.) destroys Baal's altar. Judges vi., 1-2-5, etc.
1570. Moses born, 1571 B.C. (The greatest of mortals.)
1884. Abraham sojourns in Beersheba, after the birth of Isaac. He plants a grove and calls upon the name of the everlasting God. Gen. xxi., 33-34.
2198. The flood over, a new era begins on the earth.
2512. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Gen. vi., 8.
2826. The age of the Patriarchs.
3140. Lamech, father of Noah, born 3130 B.C.
3454. * * * * *
3768. Enos, Son of Seth, born, 3769 B.C. "Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord." Gen. iv., 26.
4082. (?) "He made the stars also." Let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years. Gen. i., 14-16.

Thus may this remarkable series of stars have caused Seth himself to prophesy that a star should herald the birth of the Messiah (even as is affirmed by Rolleston and others), may have beheld the early years of Lamech; watched Noah amidst that corrupt ante-deluvian world; seen the purified earth after the flood; shone in surpassing splendor upon Abraham at the door of his tent, when rejoicing after the birth of Isaac; heralded the birth of Moses, the most wonderful mortal of all time; predicted the destruction of Baal's altar by Gideon; cheered the holy Asa and encouraged the faithful Josiah to repair the Temple.

In journeying from Jerusalem toward Bethlehem, it is said that the Magi, who had lost sight of the star, sat down beside a well to refresh themselves, when one of them saw the reflection of the star in the clear waters of the well. He cried out to his companions, and thus: "When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding joy."

"But see the Virgin blest,
 Hath laid her babe to rest;
 Time is, our tedious song should here have ending;
 Heaven's youngest teemed star
 Hath fixed her polish'd car,
 Her sleeping Lord, with handmaid lamp attending;
 And all about the courtly stable
 Bright-harness'd angels sit in order serviceable."

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