

can, in view of what has been promised, and what has been performed, patiently await the assured result of a perfect fulfilment of our Lord's promise.

"While learned men in our day are sedulously and worthily engaged in studying the dark characters of slabs and cylinders, in the hope of extracting secrets of ancient days, that may serve to illustrate the sacred Scriptures, they do not, perhaps, apprehend—and, it may be, because it lies so near to the surface—that confirmation of a Christian's faith that may be read on the page of the old Hebrew story that has been the subject of our discussion. ✱

"I am persuaded that the conclusion to which that subject, with its connections, rightly apprehended, necessarily leads, presents, to the most highly cultivated mind of man, when tossed on a troubled sea of speculation, as to the *what*, the *wherefore*, the *whence* and the *whither* of the humanity which is identified with its consciousness, an anchorage in the harbor of the Christian Revelation, at which it may ride in confidence and security."

Here the old judge and I—setting a good example to all theological controversialists—exchange cordial valedictions, and,

"As fades the glimmering landscape on the sight,"

retire from the Micmac's grave and seek our respective homes.

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"The 'Old Judge' might have unexceptionably summed up thus:—"Abraham 'exulted that he should see Christ's day.' What it was that he saw, and greatly rejoiced to see in it, is as certain as if it had been expressly revealed to us. It could only have been preinformation ~~of the promise that affected the nations~~ respecting the mode in which the *promise that affected the nations* would be accomplished. Now, this feature is plainly impressed on the transaction related in Genesis xxii.—read with John viii. 56—viz: a preintimation to Abraham *that he by whom the promise would be performed, was to be 'the only son' of his father—'the son whom the father loved; that he, in compliance with the will of his father, and with his own consent, was to be the innocent victim of a sacrifice; and that he was to be, after the sacrifice, released from the bonds of death.* We shall look in vain for the occasion to which John viii. 56 refers, outside of the Hebrew narrative; whilst to search for it *there* Christ has instructed us! See Luke xxiv. 25-27. We find it therein, and we have thus before us evidence that the Great Sacrifice which purchased our Redemption was predetermined, and preintimated to one of our race more than seventeen centuries before it was an event in history. The case presents, not merely a type or a prophecy of that Sacrifice, which the human mind may or may not accept, but a *revelation* of it made long before it took place, to the consciousness of a representative man, which, logically, must be accepted *as such*, in view of the narrative and the Scriptures referred to.

See Supplement.