

scarcely compatible with the belief that existence is to terminate at death; and the expression, "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness,"* points unmistakably to a land beyond the tomb where righteousness shall be the portion of its inhabitants, and the immediate presence of God their joy for ever. Isaiah declares that the Lord "will swallow up death in victory, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces;"† and in a still more remarkable passage, apostrophising Judah, he exclaims: "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise."‡ In Ezekiel innumerable passages occur, which by the strictest exegesis seem to point unmistakably to a future state of retribution for deeds done in the body. The valley of dry bones—the innumerable visions—and the oft-repeated announcement, that "the soul that sinneth it shall die,"§ but that they who turn from their sins, "and do that which is lawful and right," "shall surely live," and "shall not die," and that God hath no "pleasure at all that the wicked should die,"|| are all based upon the doctrine of the certainty of a future life, and without it would be meaningless and void. In Daniel, there is the unmistakable prediction of the stone that was to be "cut out of the mountain without hands," which "brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold" of the great image, and which was indicative of the kingdom to be set up by the God of heaven, and never to be destroyed,¶ at the commencement of which, "one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."** There is also the prediction of the time to come, when "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and ever-

* *Psal'm* xvii., 15.

† *Isaiah* xxvi., 19.

‡ *Ezekiel* xviii., 21-23.

§ *Isaiah* xxv., 8.

|| *Ezekiel* xviii., 20.

¶ *Daniel* ii., 44, 45.

** *Daniel* vii., 13, 14.