

than political, and when the fanatical resistance to foreign oppression was in vain the faith of the religious community survived. The Jews took their place in the world of commerce, and gave their attention to the transmission of the traditions and the observances of the written law, so far as that was possible without the Temple ceremonial. They expanded and arranged the traditions. The synagogue became a permanent institution. Scholastic theologians, sober scribes, mystical thinkers, fanatical visionaries all played their part. The strength and persistence of the Jewish Church, in spite of centuries of persecution and hatred, is one of the wonders of history; but its creative period closed and its great religious contribution was made before the beginning of the Christian era. (2) There remained also a book which the Jew has not been able to monopolize. It was translated into Greek about two centuries before the coming of our Lord, and now, mainly through the influence of the Christian Church, it speaks in practically all the languages of the world. Under the influence of theological scholasticism it was handled in a hard, dogmatic sense as mere "revelation"; but now "The Bible as Literature" is a fruitful theme, and the fuller appreciation of historical perspective and real development gives it a freshness and power as a revelation of God's education of the world. As we see the great movement pass from stage to stage, we are conscious of a "Power not of ourselves," and cry, "It is the Lord's doing, and is marvellous in our eyes." "It shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

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