

thee, and the Gentiles shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thy eyes round about, and see: all these are gathered together, they are come to thee: thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall rise up at thy side. Then shalt thou see, and abound, and thy heart shall wonder and be enlarged, when the multitude of the sea shall be converted to thee, the strength of the Gentiles shall come to thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, and the dromedaries of Madian and Ephraim: all they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and shewing forth praise to the Lord. . . . And the children of strangers shall build up thy walls; and their kings shall minister to thee. . . . And the children of them that afflict thee, shall come bowing down to thee, and all that slandered thee, shall worship the steps of thy feet, and shall call thee the city of the Lord, the Sion of the Holy One of Israel. Because thou wast forsaken, and hated, and there was none that passed through thee, I will make thee to be an everlasting glory, a joy unto generation and generation." (Chap. IX.)

And Jehovah, through the mouth of His prophet Malachias, outlines the vast proportions of the coming kingdom, His Church, which is to be conterminant with every land: "From the rising of the sun even to the going down, My name is great among the Gentiles; and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to My name a clean oblation: for My name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts." (Ch. I. II). These are the glowing terms in which the prophets of old, with inspired gaze, attempt to follow the ever widening circle, the all-embracing empire of the Messiah, as it looms up before them in a vision of future ages. And there are many other such testimonies in Holy Writ. These divine rhapsodies find no application in the Jewish Church, whose proportions were so scant, whose spirit so exclusive and whose territorial jurisdiction was circumscribed by the diminutive kingdom of Judea. Neither