

Daniel is a book about which we must decide one way or the other: it is either genuine and authentic, or it is neither; there is no intermediate position possible, as Dr. Pusey long ago said. Sad it is to find that those who sit in his seat have so soon reversed the testimony which he made the work of his life and supported with so much labour and learning. It is a strange instance of the uncertainty of so-called modern criticism that whereas some years ago Dr. Pusey said, "No one now believes in Maccabæan Psalms," it is actually proposed at the present time to regard them as almost wholly of that or of post-captivity date; though I, for one, cannot understand the critical judgment which would suggest that such compositions could be the product of such a period and such a history. Of one thing we may be perfectly certain, that before long the theory will be exploded, and very possibly shown by demonstration to be false.

With regard to the twofold origin of Isaiah, I can only say that I utterly disbelieve it. The prophet is dismembered (as he is traditionally said to have been in fact), in defiance of such external evidence as there is, and in defiance of almost conclusive linguistic evidence of his integrity, and that for no other reason than that it is assumed to be impossible that he could have spoken as he does of Cyrus and of Babylon. I would only ask, How does it make the fifty-third chapter more intelligible to conceive of it as written at Babylon? and if there is but One in whom all its lines of sorrow and sadness meet and combine, and therefore only One of whom—if, indeed, it is *inspired*—the Holy Spirit can have spoken or meant it, what is there more easy of explanation in the fact that he should speak of Christ than of Babylon and Cyrus? What is there more contrary to human foresight in his doing this, than there is in his foretelling to Hezekiah that his treasures should be carried to Babylon, and his sons be eunuchs in the palace of the king? These things are not questions merely of scholarship; they are questions of common sense, and of a judicial capacity for weighing evidence; and I, for one, have no hesitation in deciding which way the verdict ultimately will be given.