

{2:34} And therefore I say unto you, O ye heathen, that hear and understand, look for your Shepherd, he shall give you everlasting rest; for he is nigh at hand, that shall come in the end of the world.

{2:35} Be ready to the reward of the kingdom, for the everlasting light shall shine upon you for evermore.

{2:36} Flee the shadow of this world, receive the joyfulness of your glory: I testify my Saviour openly.

{2:37} O receive the gift that is given you, and be glad, giving thanks unto him that hath led you to the heavenly kingdom.

{2:38} Arise up and stand, behold the number of those that be sealed in the feast of the Lord;

{2:39} Which are departed from the shadow of the world, and have received glorious garments of the Lord.

{2:40} Take thy number, O Sion, and shut up those of thine that are clothed in white, which have fulfilled the law of the Lord.

{2:41} The number of thy children, whom thou longedst for, is fulfilled: beseech the power of the Lord, that thy people, which have been called from the beginning, may be hallowed.

{2:42} I Esdras saw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs.

{2:43} And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns, and was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly.

{2:44} So I asked the angel, and said, Sir, what are these?

{2:45} He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms.

{2:46} Then said I unto the angel, What young person is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands?

{2:47} So he answered and said unto me, It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the Lord.

{2:48} Then the angel said unto me, Go thy way, and tell my people what manner of things, and how great wonders of the Lord thy God, thou hast seen.

{3:1} In the thirtieth year after the ruin of the city I was in Babylon, and lay troubled upon my bed, and my thoughts came up over my heart:

{3:2} For I saw the desolation of Sion, and the wealth of them that dwelt at Babylon.

{3:3} And my spirit was sore moved, so that I began to speak words full of fear to the most High, and said,

{3:4} O Lord, who bearest rule, thou spakest at the

beginning, when thou didst plant the earth, and that thyself alone, and commandedst the people,

{3:5} And gavest a body unto Adam without soul, which was the workmanship of thine hands, and didst breathe into him the breath of life, and he was made living before thee.

{3:6} And thou leadest him into paradise, which thy right hand had planted, before ever the earth came forward.

{3:7} And unto him thou gavest commandment to love thy way: which he transgressed, and immediately thou appointedst death in him and in his generations, of whom came nations, tribes, people, and kindreds, out of number.

{3:8} And every people walked after their own will, and did wonderful things before thee, and despised thy commandments.

{3:9} And again in process of time thou broughtest the flood upon those that dwelt in the world, and destroyedst them.

{3:10} And it came to pass in every of them, that as death was to Adam, so was the flood to these.

{3:11} Nevertheless one of them thou leftest, namely, Noah with his household, of whom came all righteous men.

{3:12} And it happened, that when they that dwelt upon the earth began to multiply, and had gotten them many children, and were a great people, they began again to be more ungodly than the first.

{3:13} Now when they lived so wickedly before thee, thou didst choose thee a man from among them, whose name was Abraham.

{3:14} Him thou lovedst, and unto him only thou shewedst thy will:

{3:15} And madest an everlasting covenant with him, promising him that thou wouldest never forsake his seed.

{3:16} And unto him thou gavest Isaac, and unto Isaac also thou gavest Jacob and Esau. As for Jacob, thou didst choose him to thee, and put by Esau: and so Jacob became a great multitude.

{3:17} And it came to pass, that when thou leadest his seed out of Egypt, thou broughtest them up to the mount Sinai.

{3:18} And bowing the heavens, thou didst set fast the earth, movedst the whole world, and madest the depths to tremble, and troubledst the men of that age.

{3:19} And thy glory went through four gates, of fire, and of earthquake, and of wind, and of cold; that thou mightest give the law unto the seed of Jacob, and diligence unto the generation of Israel.

{3:20} And yet tookest thou not away from them a wicked heart, that thy law might bring forth fruit in them.

{3:21} For the first Adam bearing a wicked heart transgressed, and was overcome; and so be all they that are born of him.

{3:22} Thus infirmity was made permanent; and the law (also) in the heart of the people with the malignity of the root; so that the good departed away, and the evil abode still.

{3:23} So the times passed away, and the years were brought to an end: then didst thou raise thee up a servant, called David:

{3:24} Whom thou commandedst to build a city unto thy name, and to offer incense and oblations unto thee therein.

{3:25} When this was done many years, then they that inhabited the city forsook thee,

{3:26} And in all things did even as Adam and all his generations had done: for they also had a wicked heart:

{3:27} And so thou gavest thy city over into the hands of thine enemies.

{3:28} Are their deeds then any better that inhabit Babylon, that they should therefore have the dominion over Sion?

{3:29} For when I came thither, and had seen impieties without number, then my soul saw many evildoers in this thirtieth year, so that my heart failed me.

{3:30} For I have seen how thou sufferest them sinning, and hast spared wicked doers: and hast destroyed thy people, and hast preserved thine enemies, and hast not signified it.

{3:31} I do not remember how this way may be left: Are they then of Babylon better than they of Sion?

{3:32} Or is there any other people that knoweth thee beside Israel? or what generation hath so believed thy covenants as Jacob?

{3:33} And yet their reward appeareth not, and their labour hath no fruit: for I have gone here and there through the heathen, and I see that they flow in wealth, and think not upon thy commandments.

{3:34} Weigh thou therefore our wickedness now in the balance, and their's also that dwell the world; and so shall thy name no where be found but in Israel.

{3:35} Or when was it that they which dwell upon the earth have not sinned in thy sight? or what people have so kept thy commandments?

{3:36} Thou shalt find that Israel by name hath kept thy precepts; but not the heathen.

{4:1} And the angel that was sent unto me, whose name was Uriel, gave me an answer,

{4:2} And said, Thy heart hath gone to far in this world, and thinkest thou to comprehend the way of the most High?

{4:3} Then said I, Yea, my lord. And he answered me, and said, I am sent to shew thee three ways, and to set forth three similitudes before thee:

{4:4} Whereof if thou canst declare me one, I will shew thee also the way that thou desirest to see, and I shall shew thee from whence the wicked heart cometh.

{4:5} And I said, Tell on, my lord. Then said he unto me, Go thy way, weigh me the weight of the fire, or measure me the blast of the wind, or call me again the day that is past.

{4:6} Then answered I and said, What man is able to do that, that thou shouldest ask such things of me?

{4:7} And he said unto me, If I should ask thee how great dwellings are in the midst of the sea, or how many springs are in the beginning of the deep, or how many springs are above the firmament, or which are the outgoings of paradise:

{4:8} Peradventure thou wouldest say unto me, I never went down into the deep, nor as yet into hell, neither did I ever climb up into heaven.

{4:9} Nevertheless now have I asked thee but only of the fire and wind, and of the day wherethrough thou hast passed, and of things from which thou canst not be separated, and yet canst thou give me no answer of them.

{4:10} He said moreover unto me, Thine own things, and such as are grown up with thee, canst thou not know;

{4:11} How should thy vessel then be able to comprehend the way of the Highest, and, the world being now outwardly corrupted to understand the corruption that is evident in my sight?

{4:12} Then said I unto him, It were better that we were not at all, than that we should live still in wickedness, and to suffer, and not to know wherefore.

{4:13} He answered me, and said, I went into a forest into a plain, and the trees took counsel,

{4:14} And said, Come, let us go and make war against the sea that it may depart away before us, and that we may make us more woods.

{4:15} The floods of the sea also in like manner took counsel, and said, Come, let us go up and subdue the woods of the plain, that there also we may make us another country.

{4:16} The thought of the wood was in vain, for the fire came and consumed it.

{4:17} The thought of the floods of the sea came likewise to nought, for the sand stood up and stopped them.

{4:18} If thou wert judge now betwixt these two, whom wouldest thou begin to justify? or whom wouldest thou condemn?

{4:19} I answered and said, Verily it is a foolish thought that they both have devised, for the ground is given unto the wood, and the sea also hath his place to bear his floods.

{4:20} Then answered he me, and said, Thou hast given a right judgment, but why judgest thou not thyself also?

{4:21} For like as the ground is given unto the wood, and the sea to his floods: even so they that dwell upon the earth may understand nothing but that which is upon the earth: and he that dwelleth above the heavens may only understand the things that are above the height of the heavens.

{4:22} Then answered I and said, I beseech thee, O Lord,

let me have understanding:

{4:23} For it was not my mind to be curious of the high things, but of such as pass by us daily, namely, wherefore Israel is given up as a reproach to the heathen, and for what cause the people whom thou hast loved is given over unto ungodly nations, and why the law of our forefathers is brought to nought, and the written covenants come to none effect,

{4:24} And we pass away out of the world as grasshoppers, and our life is astonishment and fear, and we are not worthy to obtain mercy.

{4:25} What will he then do unto his name whereby we are called? of these things have I asked.

{4:26} Then answered he me, and said, The more thou searchest, the more thou shalt marvel; for the world hasteth fast to pass away,

{4:27} And cannot comprehend the things that are promised to the righteous in time to come: for this world is full of unrighteousness and infirmities.

{4:28} But as concerning the things whereof thou askest me, I will tell thee; for the evil is sown, but the destruction thereof is not yet come.

{4:29} If therefore that which is sown be not turned upside down, and if the place where the evil is sown pass not away, then cannot it come that is sown with good.

{4:30} For the grain of evil seed hath been sown in the heart of Adam from the beginning, and how much ungodliness hath it brought up unto this time? and how much shall it yet bring forth until the time of threshing come?

{4:31} Ponder now by thyself, how great fruit of wickedness the grain of evil seed hath brought forth.

{4:32} And when the ears shall be cut down, which are without number, how great a floor shall they fill?

{4:33} Then I answered and said, How, and when shall these things come to pass? wherefore are our years few and evil?

{4:34} And he answered me, saying, Do not thou hasten above the most Highest: for thy haste is in vain to be above him, for thou hast much exceeded.

{4:35} Did not the souls also of the righteous ask question of these things in their chambers, saying, How long shall I hope on this fashion? when cometh the fruit of the floor of our reward?

{4:36} And unto these things Uriel the archangel gave them answer, and said, Even when the number of seeds is filled in you: for he hath weighed the world in the balance.

{4:37} By measure hath he measured the times; and by number hath he numbered the times; and he doth not move nor stir them, until the said measure be fulfilled.

{4:38} Then answered I and said, O Lord that bearest rule, even we all are full of impiety.

{4:39} And for our sakes peradventure it is that the floors of the righteous are not filled, because of the sins of them that dwell upon the earth.

{4:40} So he answered me, and said, Go thy way to a woman with child, and ask of her when she hath fulfilled her nine months, if her womb may keep the birth any longer within her.

{4:41} Then said I, No, Lord, that can she not. And he said unto me, In the grave the chambers of souls are like the womb of a woman:

{4:42} For like as a woman that travaileth maketh haste to escape the necessity of the travail: even so do these places haste to deliver those things that are committed unto them.

{4:43} From the beginning, look, what thou desirest to see, it shall be shewed thee.

{4:44} Then answered I and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, and if it be possible, and if I be meet therefore,

{4:45} Shew me then whether there be more to come than is past, or more past than is to come.

{4:46} What is past I know, but what is for to come I know not.

{4:47} And he said unto me, Stand up upon the right side, and I shall expound the similitude unto thee.

{4:48} So I stood, and saw, and, behold, an hot burning oven passed by before me: and it happened that when the flame was gone by I looked, and, behold, the smoke remained still.

{4:49} After this there passed by before me a watery cloud, and sent down much rain with a storm; and when the stormy rain was past, the drops remained still.

{4:50} Then said he unto me, Consider with thyself; as the rain is more than the drops, and as the fire is greater than the smoke; but the drops and the smoke remain behind: so the quantity which is past did more exceed.

{4:51} Then I prayed, and said, May I live, thinkest thou, until that time? or what shall happen in those days?

{4:52} He answered me, and said, As for the tokens whereof thou askest me, I may tell thee of them in part: but as touching thy life, I am not sent to shew thee; for I do not know it.

{5:1} Nevertheless as coming the tokens, behold, the days shall come, that they which dwell upon earth shall be taken in a great number, and the way of truth shall be hidden, and the land shall be barren of faith.

{5:2} But iniquity shall be increased above that which now thou seest, or that thou hast heard long ago.

{5:3} And the land, that thou seest now to have root, shalt thou see wasted suddenly.

{5:4} But if the most High grant thee to live, thou shalt see after the third trumpet that the sun shall suddenly shine again in the night, and the moon thrice in the day:

{5:5} And blood shall drop out of wood, and the stone shall give his voice, and the people shall be troubled:

{5:6} And even he shall rule, whom they look not for that dwell upon the earth, and the fowls shall take their flight away together:

{5:7} And the Sodomitish sea shall cast out fish, and make a noise in the night, which many have not known: but they shall all hear the voice thereof.

{5:8} There shall be a confusion also in many places, and the fire shall be oft sent out again, and the wild beasts shall change their places, and menstruous women shall bring forth monsters:

{5:9} And salt waters shall be found in the sweet, and all friends shall destroy one another; then shall wit hide itself, and understanding withdraw itself into his secret chamber,

{5:10} And shall be sought of many, and yet not be found: then shall unrighteousness and incontinency be multiplied upon earth.

{5:11} One land also shall ask another, and say, Is righteousness that maketh a man righteous gone through thee? And it shall say, No.

{5:12} At the same time shall men hope, but nothing obtain: they shall labour, but their ways shall not prosper.

{5:13} To shew thee such tokens I have leave; and if thou wilt pray again, and weep as now, and fast even days, thou shalt hear yet greater things.

{5:14} Then I awaked, and an extreme fearfulness went through all my body, and my mind was troubled, so that it fainted.

{5:15} So the angel that was come to talk with me held me, comforted me, and set me up upon my feet.

{5:16} And in the second night it came to pass, that Salathiel the captain of the people came unto me, saying, Where hast thou been? and why is thy countenance so heavy?

{5:17} Knowest thou not that Israel is committed unto thee in the land of their captivity?

{5:18} Up then, and eat bread, and forsake us not, as the shepherd that leaveth his flock in the hands of cruel wolves.

{5:19} Then said I unto him, Go thy ways from me, and come not nigh me. And he heard what I said, and went from me.

{5:20} And so I fasted seven days, mourning and weeping, like as Uriel the angel commanded me.

{5:21} And after seven days so it was, that the thoughts of my heart were very grievous unto me again,

{5:22} And my soul recovered the spirit of understanding, and I began to talk with the most High again,

{5:23} And said, O Lord that bearest rule, of every wood of the earth, and of all the trees thereof, thou hast chosen thee one only vine:

{5:24} And of all lands of the whole world thou hast chosen thee one pit: and of all the flowers thereof one lily:

{5:25} And of all the depths of the sea thou hast filled thee one river: and of all builded cities thou hast hallowed Sion unto thyself:

{5:26} And of all the fowls that are created thou hast named thee one dove: and of all the cattle that are made thou hast provided thee one sheep:

{5:27} And among all the multitudes of people thou hast gotten thee one people: and unto this people, whom thou lovedst, thou gavest a law that is approved of all.

{5:28} And now, O Lord, why hast thou given this one people over unto many? and upon the one root hast thou prepared others, and why hast thou scattered thy only one people among many?

{5:29} And they which did gainsay thy promises, and believed not thy covenants, have trodden them down.

{5:30} If thou didst so much hate thy people, yet shouldest thou punish them with thine own hands.

{5:31} Now when I had spoken these words, the angel that came to me the night afore was sent unto me,

{5:32} And said unto me, Hear me, and I will instruct thee; hearken to the thing that I say, and I shall tell thee more.

{5:33} And I said, Speak on, my Lord. Then said he unto me, Thou art sore troubled in mind for Israel's sake: lovest thou that people better than he that made them?

{5:34} And I said, No, Lord: but of very grief have I spoken: for my reins pain me every hour, while I labour to comprehend the way of the most High, and to seek out part of his judgment.

{5:35} And he said unto me, Thou canst not. And I said, Wherefore, Lord? whereunto was I born then? or why was not my mother's womb then my grave, that I might not have seen the travail of Jacob, and the wearisome toil of the stock of Israel?

{5:36} And he said unto me, Number me the things that are not yet come, gather me together the dross that are scattered abroad, make me the flowers green again that are withered,

{5:37} Open me the places that are closed, and bring me forth the winds that in them are shut up, shew me the image of a voice: and then I will declare to thee the thing that thou labourest to know.

{5:38} And I said, O Lord that bearest rule, who may know these things, but he that hath not his dwelling with men?

{5:39} As for me, I am unwise: how may I then speak of these things whereof thou askest me?

{5:40} Then said he unto me, Like as thou canst do none of these things that I have spoken of, even so canst thou not find out my judgment, or in the end the love that I have promised unto my people.

{5:41} And I said, Behold, O Lord, yet art thou nigh unto them that be reserved till the end: and what shall they do that have been before me, or we that be now, or they that shall come after us?

{5:42} And he said unto me, I will liken my judgment unto a ring: like as there is no slackness of the last, even so there is no swiftness of the first.

{5:43} So I answered and said, Coudest thou not make those that have been made, and be now, and that are for to come, at once; that thou mightest shew thy judgment the sooner?

{5:44} Then answered he me, and said, The creature may not haste above the maker; neither may the world hold them at once that shall be created therein.

{5:45} And I said, As thou hast said unto thy servant, that thou, which givest life to all, hast given life at once to the creature that thou hast created, and the creature bare it: even so it might now also bear them that now be present at once.

{5:46} And he said unto me, Ask the womb of a woman, and say unto her, If thou bringest forth children, why dost thou it not together, but one after another? pray her therefore to bring forth ten children at once.

{5:47} And I said, She cannot: but must do it by distance of time.

{5:48} Then said he unto me, Even so have I given the womb of the earth to those that be sown in it in their times.

{5:49} For like as a young child may not bring forth the things that belong to the aged, even so have I disposed the world which I created.

{5:50} And I asked, and said, Seeing thou hast now given me the way, I will proceed to speak before thee: for our mother, of whom thou hast told me that she is young, draweth now nigh unto age.

{5:51} He answered me, and said, Ask a woman that beareth children, and she shall tell thee.

{5:52} Say unto her, Wherefore are unto they whom thou hast now brought forth like those that were before, but less of stature?

{5:53} And she shall answer thee, They that be born in the the strength of youth are of one fashion, and they that are born in the time of age, when the womb faileth, are otherwise.

{5:54} Consider thou therefore also, how that ye are less of stature than those that were before you.

{5:55} And so are they that come after you less than ye, as the creatures which now begin to be old, and have passed over the strength of youth.

{5:56} Then said I, Lord, I beseech thee, if I have found favour in thy sight, shew thy servant by whom thou visitest thy creature.

{6:1} And he said unto me, In the beginning, when the earth was made, before the borders of the world stood, or ever the winds blew,

{6:2} Before it thundered and lightened, or ever the foundations of paradise were laid,

{6:3} Before the fair flowers were seen, or ever the moveable powers were established, before the innumerable multitude of angels were gathered together,

{6:4} Or ever the heights of the air were lifted up, before the measures of the firmament were named, or ever the chimneys in Sion were hot,

{6:5} And ere the present years were sought out, and or ever the inventions of them that now sin were turned, before they were sealed that have gathered faith for a treasure:

{6:6} Then did I consider these things, and they all were made through me alone, and through none other: by me also they shall be ended, and by none other.

{6:7} Then answered I and said, What shall be the parting asunder of the times? or when shall be the end of the first, and the beginning of it that followeth?

{6:8} And he said unto me, From Abraham unto Isaac, when Jacob and Esau were born of him, Jacob's hand held first the heel of Esau.

{6:9} For Esau is the end of the world, and Jacob is the beginning of it that followeth.

{6:10} The hand of man is betwixt the heel and the hand: other question, Esdras, ask thou not.

{6:11} I answered then and said, O Lord that bearest rule, if I have found favour in thy sight,

{6:12} I beseech thee, shew thy servant the end of thy tokens, whereof thou shewedst me part the last night.

{6:13} So he answered and said unto me, Stand up upon thy feet, and hear a mighty sounding voice.

{6:14} And it shall be as it were a great motion; but the place where thou standest shall not be moved.

{6:15} And therefore when it speaketh be not afraid: for the word is of the end, and the foundation of the earth is understood.

{6:16} And why? because the speech of these things trembleth and is moved: for it knoweth that the end of these things must be changed.

{6:17} And it happened, that when I had heard it I stood up upon my feet, and hearkened, and, behold, there was a voice that spake, and the sound of it was like the sound of many waters.

{6:18} And it said, Behold, the days come, that I will begin to draw nigh, and to visit them that dwell upon the earth,

{6:19} And will begin to make inquisition of them, what they be that have hurt unjustly with their unrighteousness, and when the affliction of Sion shall be fulfilled;

{6:20} And when the world, that shall begin to vanish away, shall be finished, then will I shew these tokens: the books shall be opened before the firmament, and they shall

see all together:

{6:21} And the children of a year old shall speak with their voices, the women with child shall bring forth untimely children of three or four months old, and they shall live, and be raised up.

{6:22} And suddenly shall the sown places appear unsown, the full storehouses shall suddenly be found empty:

{6:23} And tha trumpet shall give a sound, which when every man heareth, they shall be suddenly afraid.

{6:24} At that time shall friends fight one against another like enemies, and the earth shall stand in fear with those that dwell therein, the springs of the fountains shall stand still, and in three hours they shall not run.

{6:25} Whosoever remaineth from all these that I have told thee shall escape, and see my salvation, and the end of your world.

{6:26} And the men that are received shall see it, who have not tasted death from their birth: and the heart of the inhabitants shall be changed, and turned into another meaning.

{6:27} For evil shall be put out, and deceit shall be quenched.

{6:28} As for faith, it shall flourish, corruption shall be overcome, and the truth, which hath been so long without fruit, shall be declared.

{6:29} And when he talked with me, behold, I looked by little and little upon him before whom I stood.

{6:30} And these words said he unto me; I am come to shew thee the time of the night to come.

{6:31} If thou wilt pray yet more, and fast seven days again, I shall tell thee greater things by day than I have heard.

{6:32} For thy voice is heard before the most High: for the Mighty hath seen thy righteous dealing, he hath seen also thy chastity, which thou hast had ever since thy youth.

{6:33} And therefore hath he sent me to shew thee all these things, and to say unto thee, Be of good comfort and fear not

{6:34} And hasten not with the times that are past, to think vain things, that thou mayest not hasten from the latter times.

{6:35} And it came to pass after this, that I wept again, and fasted seven days in like manner, that I might fulfil the three weeks which he told me.

{6:36} And in the eighth night was my heart vexed within me again, and I began to speak before the most High.

{6:37} For my spirit was greatly set on fire, and my soul was in distress.

{6:38} And I said, O Lord, thou spakest from the beginning of the creation, even the first day, and saidst thus; Let heaven and earth be made; and thy word was a perfect

work.

{6:39} And then was the spirit, and darkness and silence were on every side; the sound of man's voice was not yet formed.

{6:40} Then commandedst thou a fair light to come forth of thy treasures, that thy work might appear.

{6:41} Upon the second day thou madest the spirit of the firmament, and commandedst it to part asunder, and to make a division betwixt the waters, that the one part might go up, and the other remain beneath.

{6:42} Upon the third day thou didst command that the waters should be gathered in the seventh part of the earth: six parts hast thou dried up, and kept them, to the intent that of these some being planted of God and tilled might serve thee.

{6:43} For as soon as thy word went forth the work was made.

{6:44} For immediately there was great and innumerable fruit, and many and divers pleasures for the taste, and flowers of unchangeable colour, and odours of wonderful smell: and this was done the third day.

{6:45} Upon the fourth day thou commandedst that the sun should shine, and the moon give her light, and the stars should be in order:

{6:46} And gavest them a charge to do service unto man, that was to be made.

{6:47} Upon the fifth day thou saidst unto the seventh part, where the waters were gathered that it should bring forth living creatures, fowls and fishes: and so it came to pass.

{6:48} For the dumb water and without life brought forth living things at the commandment of God, that all people might praise thy wondrous works.

{6:49} Then didst thou ordain two living creatures, the one thou calledst Enoch, and the other Leviathan;

{6:50} And didst separate the one from the other: for the seventh part, namely, where the water was gathered together, might not hold them both.

{6:51} Unto Enoch thou gavest one part, which was dried up the third day, that he should dwell in the same part, wherein are a thousand hills:

{6:52} But unto Leviathan thou gavest the seventh part, namely, the moist; and hast kept him to be devoured of whom thou wilt, and when.

{6:53} Upon the sixth day thou gavest commandment unto the earth, that before thee it should bring forth beasts, cattle, and creeping things:

{6:54} And after these, Adam also, whom thou madest lord of all thy creatures: of him come we all, and the people also whom thou hast chosen.

{6:55} All this have I spoken before thee, O Lord, because thou madest the world for our sakes