

Chapter 11

An Appendix and conclufion of this hiftorie. 2. The dreame of Mardocheus.

In the fourth yeare when Ptolomee and Cleopatra reigned, Dofitheus, which named himfelf a Prielt, and of the Leuitical kinred, and Ptolomee his fonne brought this epiftle of Phurim, which they fayd Lyfimachus the fonne of Ptolomee did interprete in Ierufalem.

This beginning was in the common edition, which is neither extant in Hebrew, nor with any of ^{a)}the interpreters.

² In the fecond yeare, when Artaxerxes the greateft reigned, in the firft day of the moneth Nifan, Mardocheus the fonne of Iairi, the fonne of Semei, the fonne of Cis, of the tribe of Beniamin. ³ A Iew which dwelt in the citie of Sufan, a great man and among the firft of the kings court, ^{b)}faw a dreame. ⁴ And he was of that number of captiues, whom Nabuchodonofor the king of Babylon had tranfported from Ierufalem with Ieconias the king of Iuda: ⁵ and this was his dreame: There appeared voices, and tumultes, and thunders and earth quakes, and perturbation vpon the earth: ⁶ and behold ^{c)}two great dragons, prepared one againft an other into battel. ⁷ At whofe crie al nations were rayfed vppe, to fight againft the nation of the iuft. ⁸ And that was a day of darkenneffe and danger, of tribulation and diftreffe, and great feare vpon the earth. ⁹ And the nation of the iuft fearing their euils, was trubled, and prepared to death. ¹⁰ And they cried to God: and they crying, ^{d)}a litle fountayne grew into a verie great riuer, and abounded into verie manie waters. ¹¹ Light and funne arofe, and the humble

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The firft part.
The prefage,
and occafion
of Efthers ad-
uancement
and Amans
perfecuting the
Iewes.

^a Except the 72.

^b Mardocheus had this dreame before Amans aduancement or his owne and the peoples danger.

^c Mardocheus was a good dragon, and Aman a bad one.

^d Efther by her fountaine of teares and humble fupplication, quenched a great flame of Gentiles againft the Iewes. *ch. 10.*

were exalted, and they deuoured the glorious. ¹² Which
when Mardocheus had feene, and risen out of his bed, he
mufed what God would doe: and he had it fixed in his
mind, defirous to know what the dreame fhould fignifie?

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