

## Chapter 11

*An Appendix and conclusion of this hiftorie. 2. The dreame of Mardocheus.*

**I**n the fourth yeare when Ptolomee and Cleopatra reigned, Dofitheus, which named himself a Priest, and of the Leuitical kinred, and Ptolomee his sonne brought this epistle of Phurim, which they sayd Lyfimachus the sonne of Ptolomee did interprete in Ierufalem.

This beginning was in the common edition, which is neither extant in Hebrew, nor with any of <sup>a)</sup>the interpreters.

<sup>2</sup> In the second yeare, when Artaxerxes the greatest reigned, in the first day of the moneth Nifan, Mardocheus the sonne of Iairi, the sonne of Semei, the sonne of Cis, of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>3</sup> A Iew which dwelt in the citie of Sufan, a great man and among the first of the kings court, <sup>b)</sup>saw a dreame. <sup>4</sup> And he was of that number of captiues, whom Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon had transported from Ierufalem with Ieconias the king of Iuda: <sup>5</sup> and this was his dreame: There appeared voices, and tumultes, and thunders and earth quakes, and perturbation vpon the earth: <sup>6</sup> and behold <sup>c)</sup>two great dragons, prepared one against an other into battel. <sup>7</sup> At whose crie al nations were rayfed vppe, to fight against the nation of the iust. <sup>8</sup> And that was a day of darknesse and danger, of tribulation and distresse, and great feare vpon the earth. <sup>9</sup> And the nation of the iust fearing their euils, was trubled, and prepared to death. <sup>10</sup> And they cried to God: and they crying, <sup>d)</sup>a litle fountayne grew into a verie great riuer, and abounded into verie manie waters. <sup>11</sup> Light and funne arose, and the humble

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The first part. The preface, and occasion of Efters aduancement and Amans persecuting the Iewes.

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<sup>a</sup> Except the 72.

<sup>b</sup> Mardocheus had this dreame before Amans aduancement or his owne and the peoples danger.

<sup>c</sup> Mardocheus was a good dragon, and Aman a bad one.

<sup>d</sup> Efters by her fountaine of teares and humble supplication, quenched a great flame of Gentiles against the Iewes. *ch. 10.*

were exalted, and they deuoured the glorious. <sup>12</sup> Which  
when Mardocheus had feene, and risen out of his bed, he  
mused what God would doe: and he had it fixed in his  
mind, desirous to know what the dreame should signifie?

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