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THE EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE.

Subject; "Brilliant Bitterness"-Attila the Hun Used as a Horrible Example-Is He a Type of the Wormwood Mentioned in Revelation?

Text: "There fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and noon the fountains of waters, and the name of the star is called Wormwood."—Revelation x., 11.

Patrick and Lowth, Thomas Scott, Mat-thew Henry, Albert Barnes and some other commentators say that the star Wormwood of my text was a type of Attila, king of the Huns. He was so called because he was brilliant as a star, and, like wormwood, he imbittered everything he touched. We have studied the Star of Bethlehem, and the Morning Star of Revelation and the Star of Peace, but my subject calls us to gaze at the star Wormwood, and my theme might be called "Brilliant Bitterness."

A more extraordinary character history does not furnish than this man Attila, the does not furnish than this man Attila, the king of the Huns. The story goes that one day a wounded heifer came limping along through the fields, and a herdsman followed its bloody track on the grass to see where the heifer was wounded, and went on back, farther and farther, until he came to a sword fast in the earth, the point downward, as though it had dropped from the heavens, and against the edges of this sword the heifer had been cut. The herdsman pulled up that sword and presented it to Attila. Attila said that sword must have dropped from the heavens from the grasp of the god Mars, and its being given to him meant that Attila should conquer to him meant that Attila should conquer and govern the whole earth. Other mighty men have been delighted at being called liberators or the Merciful or the Good, but

liberators or the Merciful or the Good, but Attila called himself and demanded that others call him "the Scourge of God."

At the head of 700,000 troops, mounted on Cappadecian horses, he swept everything, from the Adriatic to the Black Sea. He put his iron heel on Macedonia and Greece and Thrace. He made Milan and Pavia and Padua and Verona beg for mercy, which he bestowed not. The Byzantine castles, to meet his ruinous levy, put no at auction massive silver tables put up at auction massive silver tables and vases of solid gold. When a city was captured by him, the inhabitants were brought out and put into three classes. The first class, those who could bear arms, must immediately enlist under Attila or be butchered; the second class, the beautiful women, were made captives to the Huns; the third class, the aged men and women, were robbed of everything and

let go back to the city to pay a heavy tax.

It was a common saying that the grass never grew where the hoof of Attila's horse had trod. His armies reddened the waters of the Seine and the Moseile and the Rhine with carnage and fought on the Catalonian plains the flercest battle since the world stood—300,000 dead left on the field. On and on until all those who could not op-pose him with arms lay prostrate on their faces in prayer, then a cloud or dust was seen in the distance, and a bishop cried, "It is the aid of God." and all the people took up the cry. "It is the aid of God." As the cloud of dust was blown aside the banners of re-enforcing armies marched in to help against Attila. "The Scourge of God." The most unimportant occurrences he used as a supernatural resource. After three months of failure to capture the city of Aquileia, when his army had given up the siege, the flight of a stork and her young from the tower of the city was taken by him as a sign that he was to capture the city, and his army, inspired with the same Slain on the evening of his marriage by his bride, Ildico, who was hired for the assassination, his followers bewailed him, not with tears, but with blood, cutting themselves with knives and lances. He was put into three coffins, the first of iron, the second of silver and the third of gold. He was buried by night, and into his grave was poured the most valuable coins and precious stones, amounting to the wealth of a kingdom. The gravediggers and all those who assisted at the burial ware massaged so that it would never be with tears. out with bl od, cutting were massacred, so that it would never be known where so much wealth was en-

or a Peter Cooper or a William E. Dodge did while living or is doing now that he is dead. There is not a city, town or neightorhood that has not glorious specimens of consecrated wealth.

Cf consecrated wealth.

But suppose you grind the face of the poor. Suppose, when a man's wages are due, you make him wait for them because he cannot help himself. Suppose that, because his family is sick and he has had extra expenses, he should politely ask you to raise his wages for this year, and you roughly tell him if he wants a better place to go and get it. Suppose, he your manto go and get it. Suppose, by your manner, act as though he were nothing and you were everything. Suppose you are nelfish and overbearing and arrogant. Your first name ought to be Attila and your last name Attila, because you are the star Wormwood and you have imbittered one-third, if not three-thirds of the waters that roll past your employes and operathat roll past your employes and opera-tives and dependents and associates, and the long line of carriages which the undertaker orders for your funeral in order to make the occasion respectable will be filled with twice as many dry, tearless eyes, as there are persons occupying them. You will be in the world but a few minutes. As compared with eternity, the stay of the longest life on earth is not more than a minute. What are we doing with that

What is true of individuals is true of God sets them up to revolve as nations. God sets them up to revolve as stars, but they may fall wormwood Tyre—the atmosphere of the desert, fragrant spices coming in caravans to her fairs; all seas cleft into foam by the keels of her laden merchanimen; her markets rich with horses and camels from Togarmah; the bazaar filled with upholstery from Dedan, with emerald and coral and agate from Series with mines from Helbon with Syria, with mines from Helbon, with embroidered work from Ashur and Chilmad. Where now the gleam of her towers, where the roar of her charlots, where the where the roar of her charlots, where the masts of her ships? Let the fishermen who dry their nets where once she stood, let the sea that rushes npon the barrenness where once she challenged the admiration of all nations, let the barbarians who set set their rude tents where once her palaces glittered, answer the questions. She was a star, but by her own sin turned to worm-

wood and has fallen.

Hundred gated Thebes—for all time to be the study of antiquarian and hieroglyphist. Her stupendous ruins scread over twentyseven miles, her sculptures presenting in figure of warrior and charlot the victories with which the now forgotten kings of Egypt shook the nations; her obelisks and columns; Karnak and Luxor, the stupend-ous temples of her pride! Who can imagine the greatness of Thebes in those days, when the hippodrome rang with her sports and foreign royalty bowed at her shrines, and her avenues roared with the wheels of processions in the wake of returning conqurors? What spirit of destruction spread the lair of wild beats in her royal sepulchers and taught the miserable cottagers of to-day to build huts in the courts of her temples and sent desolation and ruin skulking behind the obelisks, and dodging among the sarcophagi, and leaning against the column and storing among the sarches and umns, and stooping among the arches, and weeping in the waters which go mournfully by, as though they were carrying the tears of all the ages? Let the mummles break their long silence and come up to shiver in the desolation and point to fallen gates and shattered statues and defaced sculpture, responding: "Thebes built not one temple to God. Thebes hated right-eousness and loved sin. Thebes was a star, but she turned to worm wood and has

Babylon, with her 250 towers and her brazen gates and her embattled walls, the splendor of the earth gathered within her gates, her hanging gardens built by Ne-buchadnezzar to please his bride. Amytis, who had been brought up in a mountain-ous country and could not endure the flat country around Babylon. These hanging gardens built terrace above terrace, till at cocurrence, resumed the siege and took the walls at a point from which the stork had emerged. So brilliant was the conqueror in attire that his enemies could not look at him, but shaded their eves or turned their heads.

Shis on the exercise of his marriage by king walking with his queen among the statues, snowy white, looking up at birds brought from distant lands and drinking over rivers and lakes upon nations subdued and tributary, crying, "Is not this great Babylon which I have built?"

Babylon which I have built?"

What battering ram smote the walls? What plowshare upturned the gardens? What army shattered the brazen gates? What long, flerce blast of storm put out this light which illuminated the world? What crash of discord drove down the music that poured from palace window and garden grove and called the banqueters to their revel and the dancer to their feet? I walk upon the scene of desolation to find an answer and pick up pieces of bitumen and brick and broken pottery, the remains of Babylon. I hear the wild waves saying: "Babylon was proud. Babylon was impure. Babylon was atar, but by sin she turned to wormwood and has fallen."

From the persecutions of the pilgrim fathers and the Huguenots in other lands God set upon these shores a nation. The council fires of the aborigines went out in the greater light of a free government. The

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Animals at Play.

Cats delight in racing about, but not so often, I think, in circles as dogs do. They prefer straight lines and sharp turns with the genuine goat jump. This sudden flight into the air, which appears to take the place without the animal's knowledge or intention, cannot here be preparatory to life in the mountains, but the cat finds the high jump very useful, not only in pouncing on its prey, but in escaping its hereditary enemy. Brehn records a movement play of young chamois. When up to the perpetual snow, they delight to play on it. They throw themselves in a crouching position on the upper end of a steep, snow-covered incline, work all four legs with a swimming motion to get a start, and then slide down on the surface of the snow, often traversing a distance of from 100 to 150 meters in this way, while the snow flies up and covers them with a fine powder. Arrived at the bottom, they spring to their feet and slowly clamber up again the distance they have slid down.

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