

ered by Samuel Stokes, a missionary in India. He gives quotations from Tacitus, the historian Pliny, the Roman governor Suetonius, and others, who record as a matter of well-known history that Jesus of Nazareth was put to death by Pontius Pilate and crucified as a criminal. The famous passage in Josephus' *Antiquities*, Chapter XVIII, Part 3, was once called in question as not being authentic. Its genuineness has now been admitted by Harnack and others. It also gives independent witness, therefore, to the death of Jesus. In the Jewish Encyclopedia, article on Jesus Christ, it is said: "He was executed on the eve of the Passover Festival." The death of Jesus was foretold in Old Testament prophecy, and when Paul says, "He died according to the Scriptures," he doubtless referred to all the passages in the Old Testament of the suffering Messiah, wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities. Not only in the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, in the twenty-second Psalm, and in the thirteenth chapter of Zechariah do we have this picture, but perhaps Paul was not unmindful of the great unconscious prophecy of the heathen world by Plato, 429 B. C., in his *Politia*, Vol. IV, p. 74. He describes the perfect, righteous man who is to be the world's deliverer, in these terms: "Who without doing any wrong may assume the appearance of the grossest injustice; yea, who shall be scourged, fettered, tortured, deprived of his eyes, and after having endured all possible suf-