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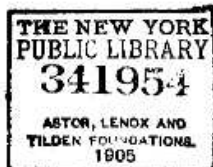


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## PREFACE.

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These works come from the same source and in the same manner as do the great and celebrated writings of the Anti-Nicene Fathers. They, however, are divine, these are human. While these bits of history are small, the reader must remember that the experience of men in those days gave them many ideas which their limited vocabulary hindered them from expressing, hence their writings were limited. As, for example, Josephus wrote 72 volumes, but they only make about 600 pages of printed matter, and Philo wrote 112 volumes, but they only make about 700 or 800 pages of printed matter. Although this is human history, it confirms the divine.

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## VOLUME I.

### MELKER'S LETTER TO THE SANHEDRIN.

He was priest of the Synagogue at Bethlehem, when Jesus was born, and describes the phenomena that occurred there that night, in his own words. This was translated from the Talmuds.

JONATHAN, son of Heziel, investigates the shepherds and others at Bethlehem in regard to the strange circumstances reported to have occurred there, and reports to this court:

Jonathan to the Masters of Israel, servants of the true God: In obedience to your order, I met with two men, who said they were shepherds, and were watching their flocks near Bethlehem. They told me that while attending to their sheep, the night being cold and chilly, some of them had made fires to warm themselves, and some of them had lain down and were asleep; that they were awakened by those that were keeping watch with the question, "What does all this mean? Behold, how light it is!" that when they were aroused it was as light as day. But they knew, it was not daylight, for it was only the third watch. All at once the air seemed to