Hear now, Hananiah, the Lord hath not ſent Thee, but thou makeſt This People to Truſt in a Lie: Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Behold, I will Caſt Thee from off the Face of the Earth: This Year thou ſhalt die, becauſe thou haſt Taught Rebellion againſt the Lord. Ch. 28. 15. 16.

I plainly deſign'd a *Parallel* between the *Jews* and *Our Selves*, when Firſt I undertook to *Think* upon *This Subject*. Where the Parallel *holds*, I will *Compare* the *Caſes*: where it doth *not*, I muſt, *in Juſtice*, *explain* the *Difference*.

And here, to the *Glory* of *God's Mercy*, it muſt be Confeſſed, that there is no *Manner* of *Proportion*, between *Their Condition* and *Ours*. *Their Temple* was *Sacrilegiouſly Spoil'd* of its *Prodigious Wealth*: Their *High Prieſt*, and Lower Officers of the *Church*, were *Drag'd* into *Captivity*: Their *Eccleſiaſtical Polity* was *Diſſolv'd*; and, *in Effect*, They were neither a *Church* nor *Nation*. With us, the *Houſe of the Lord*, the *Religion* of our *Fathers*, and the *Maintenance* of the *Church* are *Un-invaded* and *Safe*; and *God avert* Thoſe *Dangers* which are *Only* to be *Fear'd* for our *Zion*, from our *Impious Lives*, and *Uncharitable Diſagreements*! 2 Kings 25. 18---20.

If, therefore, in a Caſe, at *all Points*, as *Calamitous*, as *Sins* and *Judgements* could bring a *Church* into, to *Feed* a People with *Vain Hopes*, and Raiſe *Irregular Deſires*, tho' by Promiſing *That* which Every *Good Man* is *Oblig'd* to *Pray for*, was *Teaching Rebellion againſt the Lord*; Surely, to ſet *Chriſtian Charity* at Hazard, by *Raiſing Diviſions* and *Inſtilling Jealouſies*; to Drive *Envyings* and *Strifes* to their *utmoſt Length*; to make *Members* of the *Same Church*, *Jews and Samaritans* to One another, by a *Zeal* which Cannot be *according to Knowledge*, becauſe it muſt be without *Charity*; is to Turn *Imaginary* into Real Danger; and much more, Directly, in *Fact* and *Conſequence*, to *Teach Rebellion againſt the Lord*. Rom. 10. 2.

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