

**AN ALPHABETICAL POEM**

for

The "little ones".

from

B. C. 4004.

to

B. C. 400.

*With an A. B. C. Chart.*

*A for Alphabet.*

*B.C. - Before Christ.*

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A	B. C.	
<b>A</b>		1
	4004	A for Adam, the first to live,
	3875	And Abel, the first to die,
	2348	A for the Ark of the patriarch,
	2347	And the Arc we see in the sky!
<b>B</b>		2
	2247	B for Babel and Builders forlorn.
	1996	B for Baby, as Abram was born;
		This Abram the same, who was Abraham later,
		Than whom there was none in the Testament greater!
<b>C</b>		3
	1921	C for Canaan! Covenant! Call!
		C for Command that would Courage appall;
	1872	But that the great faith of this Abram withstood,
		Who bound little Isaac who'd carried the wood!
	1836	C for the Children of Abraham's child;
		The shepherd so gentle! The Hunter so wild!
		The parents were partial, the brothers estranged And birthright and pottage unwisely exchanged.
<b>D</b>		4
	1760	D the Defrauding Designed by their Mother,
		When Jacob the younger, Defrauded his brother.
		D for that Mother's and brother'd Deceit!
		D for the Deer for the father to eat!
		D for that Mother's and Brother's Despair,
		When Jacob's Departure Discomforts the pair,
		D for his Dream where the angels Descend, And Jacob, himself, to his God, doth commend!
<b>E</b>		5
	1739	E is for Edom where Esau resides,
		Since Jacob, returning, in Canaan abides,
		Though Esau with Jacob in anger had parted, He, Canaan, resigned him! To Edom departed!

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<b>F</b>	1728 *	F for Father old and sad, When they sell his little lad! When they stain his pretty coat, With the little slaughtered goat.	
	1715	F for Fullsome Favor shown, By a King, upon the throne, Unto Joseph, who explains Pharaoh's dreams, and honor gains!	
	1708	F the Famine in the land,	
	1706	F the Feast that Joseph planned, When "the ten" "the one" surround, As the cup with Ben is Found!	
	<i>* It has not been attempted to place the whole of this Alphabetical Poem in the same metre. Each of the subdivisions is intended to stand out as a distinct poem, the connection being kept up wholly through the Alphabet, and this distinction is the most adroitly managed through a change of metre as here appears.</i>		
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	<b>G</b>	1706	G for Goshen, where they go, Ere a Pharaoh proved a foe! Ere their dying infants shiver, In the great Egyptian River!

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<b>H</b>	1571	H for Hebrew Happily Hidden When those infants were forbidden; When an open Ark discloses, Pretty little Hebrew Moses!	
	1491	H for Heather Homes at dawn, When the eldest son they mourn! On his pretty silken bed, E'en the eldest prince is dead!	
	"	H for Hebrews' Happy Hearts, Since no son or mother parts! All with them is well moreover, Since the Hebrews kept Passover!	
	"	H for Hebrews Homeward bound! H for Host of Pharaoh drowned! H the Horror that they feel, As the waters o'er them steal.	
	1490	H for Hebrews and their Horror Upon learning to their sorrow They must wander forty years, Though fair Canaan now appears. H for Hebrews Home at last! H for Heathen Hopes they blast!	
	1450	Heathen Kings the Hebrews kill! Whilst the Sun is standing still!	
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	<b>I</b>	1419	I – those Israelites of yore! I – the Idols they adore!
	<b>J</b>		10
		1403	J – the Judges that are sent Every time that they repent.
	<b>K</b>		11
		1095	K – for Kings in all relations, Even Kings of heathen nations.
	<b>L</b>		12
		607	L – for Loss of Liberty! (Date of the Captivity.)
	<b>M</b>		13
		605	M for the Monarch, who threw in the fire, The Bible dictated by sad Jeremiah! And ruin did quickly this King encompass; His body was treated like that of an ass!
<b>N</b>		14	
	599	N is for Nebuchadnezzar, you see, Whose servant this Monarch had promised to be; And thus when Jehoiachin came to the throne, No mercy by Nebuchadnezzar was shown.	

O		15	
	588	O for the Oath of the King Hezekiah, The breaking of which caused his sons to expire, As they murder his sons, and they put out his eyes, And in darkness, in chains, and in prison he dies!	
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	572	P for the Prophets with Prophecies dire, Daniel, Ezekial and sad Jeremiah; When Egypt was given a king as his hire, For ably besieging and conquering Tyre.	
Q		17	
	538	Q for Query of a Queen When a Queer sight is seen Lo! A hand the king appalls, Writing on the Palace walls. Where is Daniel, Queries she, None have proved as wise as he. And this Daniel doth explain, What the ablest tried in vain.	
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	537	R for Retribution when, Daniel leaves the Lion's den; Where his foes, their deserts meet, As his foes, the lions, eat!	
	S		19
		536	S for Seventieth year, When we of King Cyrus hear; Hear of him and his decree, Granting Jews their liberty.
		"	S the Succor, that he gives, And permits the Jews to live, In their own, their hallowed land; And assists the meager band.
522		S for Slander of the Jews, And for Succor they refuse, From the bad Samaritans, Who upset their holy plans; When upon the Jews they spy, And to Smerdis, they apply!	
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515		T for temple that they Build, When this Smerdis has been killed.	
U			21
		462	U for the unkindness shown By a king upon the throne;
V		22	
	458	V for Vashti who refuses To unveil and favor loses; And the Esther, whom they choose Is a daughter of the Jews.	

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W	455	W for Walls they build, After Haman has been killed. Since this lovely Queen rescues, Those misrepresented Jews.
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	424	X for Xerxes, who appears In the intervening years; Not the Xerxes who renews Rights conceded to the Jews
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Y	420	Y for Yielding unto sin! Heathen wives the Hebrews win! From their mothers, children learn, And from God to idols turn!
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	“	Z is for Zion and for Zeal That the prophets deeply feel! And that Malachi expresses, Whom those sinners sin distresses!
	400	And the prophets all proclaim, “Jesus sinners to reclaim!” And the Testament he closes. On referring them to Moses!
		<b><i>THE END.</i></b>