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Chapter 4

The continuation of the propechy.

"Three springs shall break forth in the city of Winchester, whose rivulets in three parts. Whoever shall drink of the first, shall enjoy long life, and shall be free of sickness. He that shall drink of the second, shall die of hunger, and pale shall be his countenance. He that shall drink of the third, shall be surprised with such a body as shall be capable of burial. Those that are willing to escape so great a sorrow, shall be with several coverings: but whatever bulk shall be laid upon it, shall receive it. For earth shall be turned into stones; stones into water; wood into ashes; and fire shall be over it. Also a damsel shall be sent from the city of the forest to Canute, and after she shall have practised her arts, shall dry up the noxious fountain. Afterwards, as soon as she shall have refreshed herself with the wholesome water, shall with her right hand the wood of Caledon, and in her left the forts of the walls of London shall go, she shall make sulphurous steps, which will smoke with a double smoke, and shall rouse up the city of Ruteni, and shall make food for the inhabitants of the island with rueful tears, and shall fill the island with her dreadful cry. She shall break off six branches, four of which shall bear golden diadems; but the other six shall be of brass, whose hideous sound shall astonish the three islands of Britain. The trumpet, when stirred up, and braving forth into a human voice, shall cry: Come, O Camlann, to my side, and say to Winchester, the earth shall swallow thee up. Translate the city to that place where ships come to harbour, and the rest of the members will follow. The city shall hasteneth, in which thy citizens shall perish on account of the guilt of perjury, which has been hurtful to thee, and the variety of its tinctures. Woe to the perjurer, for the renowned city shall come to ruin. The ships shall rejoice at so great a change, and shall be made out of two. It shall be rebuilt by Eric, laden with apples, and of several woods shall flock together. He shall add to it a vast palace, a hundred towers. Therefore shall London envy it, and triply increase her walls, and shall encompass it round, and the fame of the work shall pass beyond the Alps, and shall be within it, and shall make subterraneous passages. At that time shall the sea shall be towards the Gallic coast be contracted into a narrow space. On each bank shall be another, and the soil of the island shall be enlarged. The secrets of the earth shall the Gaul shall tremble for fear. After these things shall come forth a hern from the north, which shall fly round the island for two years together. With her nocturnal cry shall the winged kind, and assemble to her all sorts of fowls. They shall invade the land and devour all the grain of the harvests. Then shall follow a famine upon the land, and mortality upon the famine. But when this calamity shall be over, a detestable valley of Galabes, and shall raise it to be a high mountain. Upon the top

oak, and build its nest in its branches. Three eggs shall be produced in it, and shall come forth a fox, a wolf, and a bear. The fox shall devour her mother, and in this monstrous form shall she frighten her brothers, and make them fly to the tusky boar, and returning in a fleet shall encounter with the fox; and the fox shall feign herself dead, and move the boar to compassion. Then shall the fox take the carcass, and standing over her, shall breathe upon her face and eyes. But the cunning, shall bite his left foot, and pluck it off from his body. Then shall the fox snatch away his right ear and tail, and hide herself in the caverns of the mountains. Then the deluded boar require the wolf and bear to restore him his members; and the wolf enter into the cause, shall promise two feet of the fox, together with the tail, and they shall make up the members of a hog. With this he shall be satisfied, and receive his restitution. In the meantime shall the fox descend from the mountains, and stand under presence of holding a conference with the boar, she shall go to the boar, and wait for her brothers; but as soon as they are come, she shall suddenly kill them. She shall be crowned with the head of a lion. In her days shall a serpent be born, and shall be a destroyer of mankind. With its length it shall encompass London, and devour the mountain ox shall take the head of a wolf, and whiten his teeth in the Sea. The flocks of Albania and Cambria, which shall drink the river Thames dry, shall be with the long beard, and shall borrow his shape. Therefore shall the mouse, having called the wolf, shall become a horned bull against them. In the end the mouse shall devour their flesh and bones, but shall be burned upon the top of Uffington. The funeral-pile shall be turned into swans, that shall swim on dry ground as fishes in fishes, and swallow up men in men. But when old age shall come, they shall become sea-wolves, and practise their frauds in the deep. They shall drink a small quantity of silver. The Thames shall again flow, and assembling together shall go beyond the bounds of its channel. It shall cover the adjacent cities, and shall oppose its course. Being full of deceit and wickedness, it shall make use of its power. Hence shall arise factions provoking the Venedotians to war. The oaks of the forest shall come together, and encounter the rocks of the Gewisseans. A raven shall attend upon the carcasses of the slain. An owl shall build her nest upon the walls of the city. There shall be brought forth an ass. The serpent of Malvernian shall bring him up to his fraudulent practices. Having taken the crown, he shall ascend on high, and shall rule the country with his hideous braying. In his days shall the Pachaian mountain provinces be deprived of their woods. For there shall come a worm with fire, and its vapour it sends forth shall burn up the trees. Out of it shall proceed several heads of goats. With the stench of their nostrils they shall corrupt women, and make common prostitutes. The father shall not know his own son, because they shall be like brute beasts. Then shall come the giant of wickedness, and terrify all with his strength. Against him shall arise the dragon of Worcester, and shall endeavour to fight with him. In the engagement the dragon shall be worsted, and oppressed by the wickedness of the giant. The giant shall mount upon the dragon, and putting off his garment sit upon him naked. Then shall the giant lift him up on high, and beat his naked rider with his tail erected. Upon this the giant, with his whole strength, shall break his jaws with his sword. At last the dragon shall be slain, and die of poison. After him shall succeed the boar of Totness, and oppress the people with tyranny. Gloucester shall send forth a lion, and shall disturb him in his country. The lion shall trample him under his feet, and terrify him with open jaws. At last the lion shall rule the kingdom, and get upon the backs of the nobility. A bull shall come into the kingdom, and shall drive with his right foot. He shall drive him through all the inns in the kingdom.

against the walls of Oxford. The fox of Kaerdubalem shall take revenge of
entirely with her teeth. She shall be encompassed by the adder of Lincol
shall give notice of his presence to a multitude of dragons. Then shall the
tear one another to pieces. The winged shall oppress that which wants wings
into the poisonous cheeks. Others shall come into the quarrel, and kill o
succeed those that are slain, and by various stratagems shall destroy the
back of one with his sword, and sever his head from his body. Then the
shall get upon another, and put his right and left hand upon his tail. Thus
overcome him, whom when clothed he was not able to deal with. The rest
and drive them round the kingdom. Upon this shall come a roaring lion d
cruelty. Fifteen parts shall reduce to one, and shall alone possess the p
snow-white colour shall shine, and cause the white people to flourish. Pl
princes, and they shall suddenly be changed into beasts. Among them sh
human gore. Under him shall a reaper be placed in the standing corn, wh
be oppressed by him. A charitoeer of York shall appease them, and havin
mount upon the chariot which he shall drive. With his sword unsheathed
and fill the tracks of his wheels with blood.