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I dreamed that I saw a man, with his face turned away from his own house – a book in his hand, and a great burden on his back. I looked and saw him open the book and read therein; and, as he read, he wept and trembled; and not being able to contain himself, he broke out with a lamentable cry, saying:

What shall I do to be saved?

For he lived in the City of Destruction, which he learnt from his book was doomed to be burned with fire from heaven, in which fearful overthrow both himself, and his wife and their four sons would miserably perish – unless some way of escape could be found.

So Christian (for that was his name) went home to talk to his family. And they were greatly worried, not because they believed that what he said was true, but because they thought some kind of madness had got into the poor man. And as it was drawing towards night, they hoped that sleep might settle his brains. With all haste they put him to bed.

