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Anglican pastor and poet; his poems, often with biblical resonances, were collected under the title *The Temple*, published posthumously. His 12 line poem "The Jews" is evocative, especially because he died well before Oliver Cromwell allowed Jews to return to England. The poem develops a theme of "benign supersessionism." Jews lack vitality because their treasures have been usurped by Christianity. However, through the humble intercession of the Church, Jewish spiritual life will be revitalized. Probably this will take place before the final days. Influenced by Herbert, Henry Vaughan (1622-95) wrote a much longer poem by the same title.

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