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WHO DEVOTED

THE HIGHEST TALENTS TO THE NOBLEST PURPOSES,

IS MOST FITLY AND RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,

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P R E F A C E.

WHOEVER has been convinced that those mighty revolutions, which carried ancient empire from State to State, were not the blind effects of ungoverned accident, might be expected to admit, without dispute, that the "Most High" still "ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." And those who can trace the fulfilment of sacred prophecy, even to the sad truth of the letter, in the melancholy desolations of Babylon, and Tyre, and Jerusalem, might be fairly supposed to allow as something more than vague and allegorical uncertainties those dictates of the same inspiration, which foretell apostacy and judgment in the latter times.

There are nevertheless many who, while they confess that the overthrow of Pharaoh, and the expulsion of the nations of Canaan by the Jews, were examples of the just vengeance of Almighty