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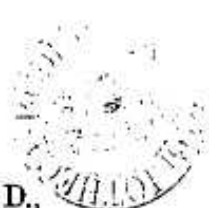
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"And I will make them, and the places round about my hill, a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season: there shall be showers of blessing."—Ezek. xxxiv. 26.

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I.

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I.

GATHERING CLOUDS AND PARTIAL SHOWERS.

THE words which stand on the title-page of this volume, occur in a chapter in which the prophet Ezekiel foretells the future of Israel—their restoration from the Babylonish Captivity, and the blessed and glorious state of things which was to follow. They are applied here to the Church of Christ, on the ground that as “they are not all Israel who are of Israel,” so many are Israel who are not of Israel according to the flesh. The Church of Christ is the true Israel, and the context shows that it is her history which is present to the prophet’s mind, whether she be Israel according to the flesh or not.

The grouping together in the prophet’s utterance of events which are far apart in their occurrence, may be explained by a very simple illustration. Just as in surveying a landscape, remote objects appear to the onlooker to be much nearer each other than they really are—several mountains for example appearing to be only one; so the remote events