

his father Jacob, with his whole family, into Egypt, and gave them there the land Gessen: and thus it was that the children of Israel became inhabitants of Egypt, where they sojourned above two hundred years.

§ 10. *The History of holy Job.*

This holy man is believed to have lived during the time that the Israelites dwelt in Egypt. The place of his abode was in the land of Hus, a part of Edom, or bordering upon it. He was rich in worldly substance; but still more so in grace and virtue, having this character from the Spirit of God; that he was a *simple, sincere, innocent, and upright man fearing God, and departing from all evil*. God was pleased, for his trial, to permit Satan to strip him of all his substance at once, to cause all his flocks and herds to be driven away or destroyed; and to raise a storm, which blew down the house, and killed all his children whilst they were at dinner. Messenger after messenger brought to Job the news of all these disasters, who, upon hearing of them, *fell down upon the ground, and worshipped God, and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return to my mother earth: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; and as it hath pleased the Lord, so it is done: blessed be the name of the Lord*. For Job's farther trial, Satan was afterwards permitted to strike him with a grievous ulcer, from the sole of his foot even to the top of his head, accompanied by a dreadful complication of diseases and pains, all which he bore with an admirable patience, saying, *If we have received good things at the hand of God, why should we not receive evil?* His three friends, hearing of all the evil that had befallen him, came to visit him; but instead of comforting, only afflicted him, the more, imputing all his sufferings to the crimes