## THE SUBJECTS OF THE

## MILLENNIUM

TRACED IN THEIR DOWNWARD PROGRESS FROM THEIR ANCESTRY THROUGH THE THREE PRE-MILLENNIAL DISPENSATIONS.

## FIRST DISPENSATION—ANTEDILUVIAN.

Text, Matt. xiii, 37.—"He answered and said unto them, he that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the enā of the world; and the reapers are the angels, &c."

That a peculiar people are distinctively marked, in all parts of the Scriptures, which have allusion or reference to that blessed period or era of the Church's history, as well as in the text, under the designation and character of good seed, as the children of the kingdom; in contradistinction from another order of people, given under the designation of zizania, or tares, cannot reasonably be denied: the subject of my text, therefore, cannot be properly treated; nor can its component parts be properly illustrated and discussed, without commencing the history of the two seeds as early as their first appearance in the world, and without tracing them in their