

age in which it was given, and the people among whom it was to be enforced. There was, by Divine direction, no slavery in Israel after the modern style; but there were prevalent many customs which were tolerated for the time. "The times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent."

## CHAPTER II.

### THE FAMILY OF JUDAH.

The first argument, in due form, brought by Colenso against the authority of the Pentateuch is in substance the following:

In Gen. XLVI. we read: And the sons of Judah, Er and Onan, and Sheiah, and Pharez, and Zarah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan, and the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

"It appears to me to be certain," (says C.) "that the writer means to say that Hezron and Hamul were *born in the Land of Canaan*, and were among the seventy persons (including Jacob himself, and Joseph, and his two sons), who *came into Egypt* with Jacob.

"He repeats the words again and again:—"These are the names of the Children of Israel which *came into Egypt*, v. 8;

All the souls, that *came with Jacob into Egypt* which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's son's wives, were three score and six, v. 26—which they would not be without Hezron and Hamul."

In like manner he quotes Ex. 1.: 1 & 5, Deut. x.: 25, and says:

"I assume, then, that it is absolutely undeniable, that the narrative of the Exodus distinctly involves the statement, that the sixty-six persons "out of the loins of Jacob," mentioned in Gen. XLVI., and no others, went down with him into Egypt.

Now Judah was *forty two* \* years old, according to the story, when he went down with Jacob into Egypt.

But, if we turn to Gen. XXXVIII., we shall find that in the course of these forty-two years of Judah's life, the following events are recorded to have happened:

I. Judah grows up, marries a wife—"at that time," v. 1, *i. e.*, after Joseph's being sold into Egypt when he was "seventeen years old," Gen. XXXVII.: 2; and when Judah, consequently, was twenty years old,—and has, separately three sons by her.

\* Joseph was thirty years old when he "stood before Pharaoh," as governor of the Land of Egypt.—Gen., XL.: 46; and, from that time nine years elapsed (seven of plenty and two of famine), before Jacob came down to Egypt—at that time, therefore, Joseph was thirty-nine years old. But Judah was about three years older than Joseph: for Judah was born in the fourth year of Jacob's double marriage. Gen. XXIX.: 35; and Joseph in the seventh, Gen. XXX.: 26; XXXI.: 41; hence, Judah was forty-two years old when Jacob went down to Egypt.