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OF

# UNIVERSAL HISTORY.

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*THE MOSAIC HISTORY OF CREATION,  
REVIEWED.*

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**O**BVIOUS are the advantages of history, civil and ecclesiastical. It introduces us to the illustrious personages who flourished, and the great events which were accomplished, in the world and the church, in those remote ages of antiquity, with the occurrences which we must, otherwise, have been totally unacquainted. To review, in a summary manner, the history of providence, from the commencement of time to the age in which we live; including the long period of five thousand and eight hundred years, must be an employ, at once, instructive and entertaining.

The works of the Almighty, in the contemplation of which, the wise and devout part of mankind, of every age and of every country, have found equal profit and pleasure, may be comprehended under two grand divisions; the works of *creation*, and the works of *providence*.

To pave the way for a re-capitulation of the principal events of providence, we shall, in a cursory manner, review the Mosaic history of creation. The books of Moses are, confessedly, the most ancient writings now extant. His history of creation is, indeed, concise; but it is not less comprehensive.

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