

THE EDOMITES.

CHAPTER I.

THEIR ANCESTRY.

ESAU, or Edom, from whom the Edomites descended, and from whom they derived their name, was the twelfth from Noah, and the twenty-second from Adam. Among his ancestors are to be found all the eminently pious men of whom there is a record, who up to his time had lived. Of two of these it is said by the spirit of truth that they "walked with God," an expression denoting the closest similarity to God of which the human soul in its earthly tabernacle is capable; and one of Esau's ancestors, Enoch, delivered the only antediluvian prophecy which has come down to us. The prophecy is remarkable for its early date—man having been then on the earth less than a thousand years—and for its contents. Enoch speaks of ungodly men doing ungodly deeds in an ungodly manner; and of saying hard things against the great God; and also of the ultimate triumph of right, as the Lord would come as Judge, attended by a vast number of angels. As