

## DISCOURSE II.

*"For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning."*—ROM. xv. 4.

IN the previous discourse I endeavoured to show that we ought not to expect to find in the New Testament the plans and specifications of the Christian Church, because, in reality, it was not so much a new one that was established as an old one that was modified. Had minute directions for the formation of the Church been laid down, like those for the building of the Ark or the Tabernacle, the mistake might have been made and perpetuated, of supposing Christianity something totally new and revolutionary, and not, as it really is, the culmination and fulfilment of the law and the Prophets. Hence the great necessity of lending an attentive ear and a prayerful heart to the Old Testament Scriptures, which were written for the very purpose that we might understand the New. If all the quotations from the Old Testament, made by our Lord and His Apostles and Evangelists, were gathered together, they would occupy a space equal to that of St. Mark's Gospel. The two Testaments are thus interwoven together, and so are the Jewish and Christian Churches.