

"I AM JOSEPH."

(GEN. XLV. 3).

THESE were the words uttered by Joseph when he made himself known to his brethren, about twenty-two years after they had sold him to a company of Ishmeelites who carried him into Egypt, and sold him there. When they parted company with him at Dothan, little did they think that they would ever meet him again, much less under circumstances like those in which they did meet him in Egypt. But God is above all the wickedness of man, and often brings about a very different issue from what man anticipates. Joseph's dreams were being verified, notwithstanding their wicked taunt, "We shall see what will become of his dreams." They did not expect this issue, but God brought it about. So it was when they put the Lord Jesus to death, and laid him in a rock-hewn sepulchre, making it secure with the great stone, sealing it, and setting a watch. Little did they think they would ever meet again this one whom they branded as a "deceiver." But if God lifted Joseph out of all his sorrows, and exalted him to the throne of Pharaoh, how much more shall He not honor His Son? God *has* raised Him up from the dead and exalted Him to His *own* throne, and the day is fast approaching when His brethren after the flesh shall stand before Him, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." Thus it is written in Zechariah, and repeated by the apostle

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