

“And the Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh’s horsemen, his chariots and his horses.

“And the Lord said unto Moses, *Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and upon their horsemen.*

“And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned in his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

“And the waters returned, and covered the chariots and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

“But the children of Israel walked upon dry ground in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.”

From this providential interference in behalf of the Israelites, and the destruction of Pharaoh and his host in all the pride of their power, Herod might have learned that the purposes of God were not to be changed by the devices of man, and have seen how hopeless was his own attempt to destroy the infant, who, having been so long foretold by the prophets, seemed by his destiny to be placed beyond the reach of human power. But the malignant and jealous feelings of the Jewish king had been roused by the report of the wise men, and he was still more enraged when he found that his treachery was discerned, and that they did not intend to return to Jerusalem as he had commanded them. Having waited in the expectation of hearing from them where he might