

seven oxen and seven rams, and Go, said he, to my servant Job, and offer for yourselves a holocaust, and my servant Job shall pray for you; his face will I accept, that your folly be not imputed to you: for you have not spoken right things before me, as my servant Job hath. In the conclusion, the Lord was pleased to bless the latter end of Job more than the beginning, by multiplying his substance, and granting him a long and happy life.

CHAP. II.—*From Exodus and the other books of Moses.*

§ 1. *Of the Oppression of the Israelites in Egypt.*

AFTER the death of Jacob and his sons, the children of Israel were multiplied exceedingly, till there arose a king in Egypt, who had not known Joseph; who, fearing they would grow too powerful, oppressed them with hard labour, and a most cruel slavery. But the more they were oppressed, the more they increased and multiplied; wherefore the king ordered his people to destroy all the male children that should be born of Israel, and cast them into the river. During this time, Moses who was born of the tribe of Levi, being a lovely child, was hid by his mother three months, till seeing she could conceal him no longer, she took a basket made of bulrushes, and daubing it with slime and pitch, placed the child therein, and laid it in the sedges by the brink of the river; his sister, standing at a distance to see what would ensue, when behold the king's daughter, walking by the side of the river, saw the basket in the sedges, and sent one of her maids for it, who, on seeing an infant therein crying, and having compassion on it, said, *This is one of the Babes of the Hebrews.* The child's sister told her, that if she pleased, she