

xxiv. 8). 'For when every commandment of the law had been read by Moses to all the people he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people.' What a singular coincidence it is, that when the adorable Victim who was fore-shadowed by those Jewish types, and by the sprinkling of Whose Blood His people were cleansed from sin, was suspended upon the Cross, 'one of the soldiers with a spear opened His side, and immediately there came out blood and water.' (John xix. 34.) Thus, Christ was the True Rock, from which, when stricken with the lance, water as well as blood gushed forth; for the water was 'a testimony on earth, as the beloved Disciple says: (1. v. 6.) 'This is He that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ: not by water only but by water and blood. . . . And there are three that give testimony on earth, the spirit, the water and the blood, and these three are one.' The spirit which, in dying, He commended into the hands of His Father, and the water and blood which flowed from His side, bore united testimony to the Humanity of the Redeemer. But, to return to the ancient associations of Water, When the chosen people were entering the promised land Water is again obedient to their use, for at the passage of the Jordan, though it was then full 'being harvest time' the 'waters that came down from above stood in one place, and swelling up like a mountain were seen afar off' . . . but those that were beneath ran down into the sea of the wilderness (which is now called the dead sea) until they wholly failed . . . and all the people passed over through the channel that was dried up.' (Josue iii. 16, 17.) Hence the allusion in the Psalm of Deliverance (ps. cxiii.) 'When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a barbarous people, 'the sea saw and fled. Jordan was turned back.' When by Samuel's exhortations the people put away their strange Gods and repented, he said: 'Gather all Israel to Masphath that I may pray to the Lord for you. And they gathered together to Masphath; and they drew Water, and poured it out before the Lord, and they fasted on that day.' (1 Kings vii. 5, 6.)