

“ for help, to strengthen themselves in the strength
 “ of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt.—
 “ When the Lord shall stretch out his hand, both he
 “ that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall
 “ fall down, and they shall all fail together.”

Egypt and *Assyria* were the chief enemies of GOD,
 and his Church, in ancient times. In modern times,
 the chief enemy of both, has been the *Romish empire*.
 Almost all the reasons, which forbade the *Jews* to
 unite with *Egypt* and *Assyria*, forbid us to unite with
this empire. Some exist, and operate, in a still higher
 degree: and some can be alleged in *our* case,
 which could not be urged in *theirs*. Speaking of the
 people of *Canaan*, GOD says to the *Israelites*, “ Thou
 “ shalt make no covenant with them.” And again,
 “ Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant
 “ with the people of the land, whither thou goest,
 “ lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee.” Of the
 kingdom of *Israel*, *Hosea* said, “ Ephraim feedeth
 “ on wind, and followeth after the east wind. He
 “ daily increaseth lies, and desolation; and they do
 “ make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is
 “ carried into Egypt:” i. e. precious ointments, des-
 tined as a present to purchase the friendship of *Pha-
 raoh*. The alliances, here spoken of, were to the *Is-
 raelites* means of their ruin. In the like manner,
 speaking of the present times, and of the spiritual *Ba-
 bylon* or *Romish empire*, *St. John* says, “ And I
 “ heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come
 “ out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of
 “ her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues:
 “ for her sins have reached unto heaven; and GOD
 “ hath remembered her iniquities.” This solemn in-