

THE ARGUMENT OF THE BOOKE OF EXODVS.

- Gen. 50.* Moyfes hauing profecuted in Genefis, the facred hiftorie of the Church, vnto Iofeph death, containing the fpace of 2310. yeares, continueth the fame in Exodus, for 145. yeares more. VVhere he first briefly recounteth, how a fmal number of Ifraelites, efpecially after the death of Iofeph, being much increafed, ^aa new King (rifin in the meane time, who knew not Iofeph) together with other Ægyptians, *enuying* their better partes, both of bodie and minde, and more fortunate progres in wealth; *fearing* alfo lest they ftill multiplying, either by their owne forces, or ioyning with other foreners, might fpoile Ægypt, and returne into Chanaan; and *hating* their Religion, becaufe they acknowledged, one onlie, eternal, omnipotent God, denying and detefting the new imaginarie goddes of the Ægyptians, refolued and publickly decreed, by opprefion to hinder their increafing, & to keepe them in bondage and feruitude. But God almightie, who had chofen them for his peculiar people, did not only fo conferue and multiplie them, that of feuentie perfons, which came into Ægypt, in the fpace of two hundred and fifteene yeres, there were fix hundred thoufand men, able to beare armes, befides wemen, children, and old men, which by eftimation might be three millions in al, but amongft other moft ftrange and miraculous workes, efpecially deliuered one Hebrew infant from drowning. Whom afterwards he made the Guide, and fupreme Gouvernour of the fame people; by him admonifhed the King to ceafe perfecuting, and diuers waies plagued him & his people for their obdurat and obftinate crueltie. In fine called away, and mightily deliuered his owne people, drowned that king and al his armie, in the red fea, the Ifraelites wonderfully
- The continu-
ation of this
booke with
Genefis.
- Their perfec-
tion.
- Their greater
multiplicatiō.
- The perfecutor
admonifhed,
and punifhed.
- Gods people
mightly deli-
uered.

^a The increafe of the Ifraelites was enuyed, feared, and their religion hated.

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16. pafing through, as in a drie chanel, the waters ftanding
 on both fides, like two walles. In the defert, fed them
 miraculoufly with Manna, and gaue them al neceffaries,
 17. defending them alfo from enimies. Then God, hau-
 ing thus felected and feuered his people from al other
 nations, gaue them a written law, as wel of Moral, as
 20. Ceremonial and Iudicial preceptes, with the maner of
 making the Tabernacle, erecting Altares, confecrating
 26. Priefts, with the inftitution of daylie Sacrifice, and of
 27. al veftures, vefelles, & other holie things belonging to
 30. *Et feq.* the feruice of God. So this booke may be diuided into
 three partes. Firft is declared the Ifraelites feruile afflic-
 tion in Ægypt, vvith their deliuerie from thence: in the
 fiftene firft chapters. Then how they were maintained in
 the defert, and prepared to receiue a law: in the foure
 next chapters. In the other 21. chapters, the lavv is
 prefcribed, inftructing them hovv to liue tovwards God,
 and al men.

Miraculoufly
 fuftained in the
 defert.

Inftucted with
 Lawes, Moral,
 Ceremonial,
 and Iudicial.