ſhewed them what upon Examination they could not queſtion, that it is *God* that ordereth and appointeth the Sun, Moon and Stars to govern the Year, and that by their revolutions and relations to each other, the Countryman knoweth when to plant, when to ſow, when to reap the Fruits of the Earth with increaſe, he at laſt concludes with this pathetick Reflection and Confeſſion of the Power and Providence of God, ſaying, *This alſo cometh forth from the Lord of Hoſts, which is wonderful in Councell and excellent in working.*

The Councels of *God* are impenetrable, and are rather *Auguſt* Objects of our Admiration, than matters of human Enquiry; and it would be the higheſt Arrogance in a work of Clay to preſume at the knowldge of the Almighty *Mind*, any farther than *Revelation* has diſcovered it to us: and tho' by our natural Lights we cannot reach the depth of his Wiſdom, or the immenſity of his Power and Will; yet by our natural Lights we are able to diſcern his providential Hand over this or that People; by our natural Lights we are able to pronounce that God has favoured this People more than he has done another: This Province the Prophet ſeems to have undertaken in this Chapter, in order to draw from the ungrateful *Jews* thoſe Returns, which Juſtice, and Gratitude, and Fear obliged them to have paid. And ſince no time is ill employed for ſuch a purpoſe,