the World, particularly the *Jewish* Nation.

That the *World* in general has been under the Conduct and Protection of Providence ever since *Noah*'s Floud, or rather the Creation of the World, will never be argued or controverted at this time of Day, since the very Continuation of its Form, and of the Laws of Succession and Propagation in it, must destroy any Arguments that can be offered or brought to the contrary. That the several Kingdoms of the Earth have in their times been governed by an *Over-ruling* Power, tho' not so immediately as the *Jews* were, is likewise beyond Dispute, since the very Permission of those Kingdoms proceeds from the *Will* of our great *Creator*; but to what Ends and Purposes they were permitted, or to what Ends and Purposes they were destroyed, is known only to that *wise Being*, that disposeth and ordereth all things for his own *Honour and Glory*. Yet thus far we may gather from sacred Writings, the infallible Records of the Insensibility and Obstinacy of the Jews, that the Kingdoms of the Earth were frequently appointed and ordained by *God* to be Scourges and Punishments for the Sins of that rebellious murmuring Nation. *Nebuchadnezzar* the most absolute and most tyrannical Monarch of the *Chaldæans* is commissioned by God Almighty and is called by the Prophet *Jeremiah* the *Servant of God*, to *destroy* the Jews, to make them an *Astonishment*, and a *Hissing* and a *perpetual desolation*. Jer. 25. 9. The Prophet *Habbakuk* representing the Vengeance that God was to execute on the