

Chapter 10

The genealogie of Noes children, by whom the world was increafed againe, after the flood.

Thefe are the generations of the fonnes of Noe, Sem, Cham, and Iapheth: and children were borne to them after the flood. ² The children of Iapheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Iauan, and Thubal, and Mofoch, and Thiras. ³ Moreouer the children of Gomer: Afcenez and Riphath and Thogorma. ⁴ And the fonnes of Iauan: Elifa and Tharfis, the Cetims and the Dodanims. ⁵ Of thefe were diuided the Iles of Nations in their countries, ech one according to his tongue and their families in their nations. ⁶ And the fonnes of Cham: Chus, and Mefraim, and Phut, and Chanaan. ⁷ And the fonnes of Chus: Saba, and Heuila, & Sabatha, and Regma, & Sabathaca. The fonnes of Regma: Saba, and Dadan. ⁸ Moreouer Chus begat [♠]Nemrod: he began to be mightie in the earth, ⁹ and he was a valiaunt hunter ^a)before our Lord. Therof rofe a prouerbe: As it were Nemrod the valiaunt hunter before our Lord. ¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdome was Babylon, and Arach, and Achad, and Chalanne in the land of Sennaar. ¹¹ Out of that land came forth [♠]Affur, and builded Niniue, and the ftreetes of the citie, and Chale. ¹² Refen alfo betwen Niniue and Chale: this is the great citie. ¹³ But Mefraim alfo begat the Ludims, & the Anamims, & the Laabims, the Nephthuims, ¹⁴ and the Phetrufims, and the Cafluims: of whom came forth the Philiftims & the Caphtorims. ¹⁵ And Canaan begat Sidon his firft begotten, Hethæus, ¹⁶ and Iebufæus, and Amorrhæus, and Gergefæus, ¹⁷ Heuæus and Aracæus: Sinæus, ¹⁸ and Aradius, Samaræus, and Hamathæus: and afterwardes were fpred the people of the Chananits. ¹⁹ And the limitts of Chanaan were from Sidon as we come to Gerara euen to Gaza, vntil thou wnter to Sodoma

^a That is in his fight who can not be deceiued.

& Gomorrha, and Adama, & Seboim euen to Lefa. ²⁰ These are the children of Cham in their kinreds, and tongues, and generations & lands, and nations. ²¹ Of Sem also ^a)father of al the children of Heber, the elder brother of Iapheth were borne. ²² The children of Sem: Ælam and Affur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram. ²³ The children of Aram: Vs, and Hul, and Gether, and Mes. ²⁴ And Arphaxad also begat Sale, of whom was borne Heber. ²⁵ And to Heber were borne two fonnes: the name of the one was Pharleg, ^b)because that in his dayes was the earth diided: and his brothers name was Iectan. ²⁶ The which Iectan begat Elmodad, and Saleph, and Afarmoth, Iare, ²⁷ and Aduram, and Vzal, and Decla, ²⁸ and Ebal, and Abimael, Saba, ²⁹ and Ophir, and Heuila, and Iobab. Al thefe were the children of Iectan. ³⁰ And their dwelling was from Meffa as we goe on as far as Sephar a mountaine in the east. ³¹ These are the children of Sem according to their kinred and tongues, and countries in their nations. ³² These are the families of Noe, according to their peoples & nations. Of these were [♠]the nations diided on the earth after the flood.

ANNOTATIONS

- Li. 1. c. 4. Antiq. Chalda. Li. 1. c. 2. in Ofee. li. 16. c. 3. 4. & 17. ciuit.
- 8 Nemrod.) To this Nemrod the fonne of Chus, first builder and king of Babylon, Iosephus, S. Epiphanius, S. Hierom, S. Auguftin, and generally al ancient writers ascribe the first tyrannie, and first setting vp of an earthlie citie oppofite to the Citie of God after the flood. He was a *Valiant*, or rather a *Violent hunter* a giant hunter (faith S. Auguftin, according to the feuentie Interpreters) who by falshood and force brought manie vnder his dominion. For he fturred vp pride (faith Iosephus) and contempt of God in men, auoching that they were not beholding to God for present felicitie, but to their owne vertue; and so fupposing men would fal from God to him, if he offered him felfe a leader, and helper againft a new flood, by litle and litle drew al to tyrannie.
- Nemrod king of Babylon, a futtle & cruel giant.
- An Arch-heretike.

^a Hence S. Auguftin geathereth that the people of Ifrael were called Hebrewes of this Heber. *l. 16. c. 3. ciuit.*

^b Heber hauing a fonne borne when the tongues were diided called him Phaleg, which fignifieth diuifion. *S. Aug. li. 16. c. 11. ciuit.*

He was otherwise called Saturnus, and was at length amongst others accounted a god. After him his sonne Belus Iupiter (as most authors affirme) reigned 65. yeares. And then succeeded Ninus the first king of the Affirians.

11 Affur builded Niniue.) Here is great difficultie, and much dispute amongst writers, who this Affur is. Briefly, we may either say with Iosephus and S. Auguftin, that Affur the sonne of Sem built a citie, which afterwards Ninus of Chams race enlarged, enriched, and changing the name called it Ninum: or els that this word *Affur* here signifieth (as *4. Reg. 15. Pfal. 82. Efaia 10. & 31.*) the king of Affirians, to wit Ninus the sonne of Belus, who as all histories greeke and barbarous reporte (saith S. Hierom) was the first that reigned ouer all Asia, & among the Affirians built Ninum a citie of his owne name, which the Hebrewes call Niniue. He set vp the Monarchie of the Affirians, called the golden kingdom, which stood 1240. yeares. And made his father Belus to be honored for a god. To whom the Babilonians, as Plinie testified, first erected statues, altars, & temples. Of this Belus or Bel of Babylon were also deriued other false goddesses, as Belial the god of Libertines, or without yoke, Beelphegor god of the Moabites, Beelzebub of the Acharonites, Baal in Samaria, Baalim amongst the Philistines: and the like in other nations.

32 The Nations.) How manie Nations and tongues were in the world immediatly after the towre of Babylon, is more commonly supposed, then clerly shewed by old or late writers. Only it seemeth certaine and euident, that there were iust as manie tongues as Nations. But to finde precisely (as the common opinion holdeth) 72, is hard. For in this chapter (where they would count this number) are not mentioned so manie. Neuertheles if we adde certaine that begane distinct Nations afterwards, til Iacob with his children went into Ægypt (in whom only the Hebrew Nation and Tongue continued to Christs time) the number wil come right. Of Iapheth were borne 7. sonnes chiefe of Nations. Againe of Gomer (besides his supposed successor, who can not be counted beginner of an other distinct nation) came 2. other heades. Likwise of Iauan (besides his first sonne) rose 3. more nations. Of Cham by his first sonne Chus were 6. nephewes princes of nations. Againe of Regma (besides his successor) came one more. And Nemrod besides his kingdom of Babylon, rayfed vp other 6. By his second sonne Mefraim came 8. nations, Chams third sonne Phut made only one nation. And Chanaan his sonnes made 11. more. Of Sem (last mentioned for better connecting the maine Historie, and succession of the Church) came the chiefe and principal Nation the Hebrewes, descending from him by Arphaxad, Sale, Heber, and so directly to Iacob. Of Sem also were borne 4. other sonnes beginners of nations. Againe of Aram (besides his first sonne) were 3. fathers of nations. Likwise of Heber (besides the Hebrewes descending by Phaleg) were borne to his other sonne Iectan 13. heades of

Berofus Ann-
ian. li. 4. c. 5.
Eufebius in
chron. & alij.

li. 1. Antiq. c. 4.
Li. 16. c. 3. ciuit.
Eufeb. in chron.

Iud. 19. Num. 25.
4. Reg. 1.
3. Reg. 16.

S. Aug. 16.
c. 3. ciuit.

Affur, sonne of
Sem, or Ninus king
of Affirians.

First false goddesses.

The common opin-
ion of 72. tongues
is not clere in
Scripture.
Yet this num-
ber of nations
and tongues
may be probably
gathered in this
and other places of
Genesis.

The Hebrews
chiefe of these na-
tions.

Gen. 24. 19. 17. nations. These are all that are named in this place: to wit,
25, 26. 25, 23. of Iapheth, 12. of Cham 33. and of Sem 21. which make in all
66. wherunto if we adioyne Nachor (Abrahams brother) Moab, and
Ammon (Lots sonnes) also Ifmael (Abrahams eldest sonne) and
his issue by Cetura, and finally Efau (Iacobs brother) who made
6. more distinct nations, the whole number is 72. This probable
collection, with the rest, we submit to better iudgement.