

Chapter 10

Fiue kinges of the Amorrheites befieging Gabaon, becaufe it is confederate with Ifrael, 6. Iofue with his armie defeateth theirs, killing and purfewing them. 11. Manie alfo are flaine with haile ftones. 12. At the prayer of Iofue the funne and moone ftand ftill the fpace of one day. 22. The fiue kinges are hanged on gibbetes. 28. He taketh alfo and fubdueth diuers cities 40. and countries.

V Which thinges when Adonifedec king of Ierufalem had heard, to witte, that Iofue had taken Hai, and had fubuerted it (for as he had done to Iericho & the king therof, fo did he to Hai, & their king) and that the Gabaonites were fled to Ifrael, and were their confederates, ² he was fore afrayd. For Gabaon was a great citie, and one of the kinglie cities, and greater then the towne of Hai, and al their men of warre moft valiant. ³ Therefore Adonifedec king of Ierufalem fent to Oham king of Hebron, and to Pharam king of Ierimoth, to Iaphia alfo king of Lachis, and to Dabir king of Eglon, faying: ⁴ Come vp to me, and bring ayde, that we may ouercome Gabaon, becaufe it reuolted to Iofue, & to the children of Ifrael. ⁵ Therefore the fiue kinges of the Amorrheites being affembled went vp: the king of Ierufalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Ierimoth, the king of Lachis, the king of Eglon, together with their hoftes, & camped about Gabaon, affaulting it. ⁶ But the inhabitants of the citie Gabaon which was befieged, fent to Iofue, who then abode in the campe at Galgal, & faid to him: withdraw not thy handes from the helpe of thy feruantes: come vp quickly and deliuer vs, and bring ayde: for there are affembled againft vs al the kinges of the Amorrheites, which dwel in the mountaines. ⁷ And Iofue went vp from Galgal, and al the hofte of the men of warre with him moft valiant men. ⁸ And our Lord faid to Iofue: Feare them not: for I haue deliuered them into thy handes: none of them fhall be able to refift thee. ⁹ Iofue therefore came in vpon them fodenly, going vp al the night from Galgal. ¹⁰ And our Lord trubled them

at the fight of Ifrael: and deftroied them with a greate fllaughter in Gabaon, and purfewed them by the way of the afcent to Bethoron, and ftroke them vnto Azeca and Maceda. ¹¹ And when they fled the children of Ifrael, and were in the defcent of Bethhoron, our Lord fent vpon them greate ftones from heauen as farre as Azeca: and there died farre more with the ftones of haile, then whom the children of Ifrael had ftrooken with the fword. ¹² Then fpake Iofue to our Lord in the day, that he deliuered the Amorreite in the fight of Ifrael, and faid before them: Thou Sunne againft Gabaon moue not, and thou ^a)Moone againft the valley of Aialon. ¹³ And the Sunne and Moone ftoode ftill, til the people reuenged themfelues of their enemies. Is not this written in the booke of the iuft? The Sunne therefore ftood ftill in the middes of heauen, and haftened not to goe downe the fpace of one day. ¹⁴ There was not before nor ^b)after fo long a day, our Lord ^c)obeying the voice of a man, and fighting for Ifrael. ¹⁵ And Iofue returned with al Ifrael into the campe of Galgal. ¹⁶ For the fiue kinges were fled, and had hid themfelues in a caue of the citie of Maceda. ¹⁷ And it was told Iofue that the fiue kinges were found lying hid in a caue of the citie of Maceda. ¹⁸ Who commanded them faying: Rowle great ftones into the mouth of the caue, and fette induftrious men, which may keepe them fhut in: ¹⁹ and ftand not you ftill, but purfew the enemies, and kil al the hindermoft of them that flee, neither let them enter into the fortes of their cities, whom our Lord God hath deliuered into your handes. ²⁰ The aduerfaries therefore being flaine with a great fllaughter, and almoft confumed to vtter deftruction, they that could efcape from Ifrael, ^d)entered into

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- ^a Iofue did thinke if the moone moued the funne alfo muft neceffarily moue fo he obtained the ftay of both.
- ^b Til after the time this booke was written.
- ^c God condefcending to worke fo great a miracle at the inftance of his feruant.
- ^d God fo difpofed, that they fhould not cōquer al in one yeare: *left the land had benne brought into a vvildernes, and beaftes increafed againft them. Exod. 23. v. 29.* Morally it fignifieth,

fenced cities. ²¹ And al the hofte returned to Iofue in Maceda, where then the campe was, fafe and the ful number: and no man durft once mutter againft the children of Ifrael. ²² And Iofue commanded, faying: Open the mouth of the caue, and bring forth to me the fue kinges, that lie hid therin. ²³ And the minifters did as it was commanded them: and they brought to him the fue kinges out of the caue, the king of Ierufalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Ierimoth, the king of Lachis, the king of Eglon. ²⁴ And when they were brought forth to him, he called al the men of Ifrael, and faid to the princes of the hofte that were with him: Goe, and fette your feete vpon the neckes of thefe kinges. Who when they had gone, and troden with their feete the neckes of them lying vnder, ²⁵ againe he faid to them: Feare ye not, neither dread, take courage and be ftrong: for fo wil our Lord doe to al your enemies, againft whom you fight. ²⁶ And Iofue ftroke, and flew them, and hanged them vpon fue gibbettes: & they hung vntil euening. ²⁷ And when the funne was downe, he commanded the foldiars to take them downe from the gibbettes. Who caft them being taken downe into the caue, wherin they had lyen hid, & put on the mouth therof great ftones, which continew vntil this prefent. ²⁸ The fame day Iofue tooke Maceda and ftroke it in the edge of the fword, & killed the king & al the inhabitantes therof: he left not in it fo much as fmale reliques. And he did to the king of Maceda, as he had done to the king of Iericho. ²⁹ And he paffed with al Ifrael from Maceda vnto Lebna, and fought againft it: ³⁰ which our Lord deliuered with the king therof into the handes of Ifrael: and they ftroke the citie in the edge of the fword, and al the inhabitantes therof. They left not in it anie remaines. And they did to the king of Lebna, as they had done to the king of Iericho. ³¹ From Lebna he paffed vnto Lachis with al Ifrael: and placing the hofte round about affaulted it. ³² And our Lord deliuered Lachis into the handes of Ifrael, and

that the children of God muft be exercifed in tribulations and mortification left vices grow in them. *Procop. in Exod.*

he tooke it the day folowing, and ftroke it in the edge of the fword, and euerie foule, that was in it, as he had done to Lebna. ³³ At that time went vp Horam the king of Gazer, to ayde Lachis: whom Iofue ftroke with al his people to vtter deftruction. ³⁴ And he paffed from Lachis vnto Eglon, and compaffed it, ³⁵ and wonne it the fame day: & ftroke in the edge of the fword al the foules, that were in it according to al thinges that he had done to Lachis. ³⁶ He went vp alfo with al Ifrael from Eglon vnto Hebron, and fought againft it: ³⁷ tooke it, and ftroke it in the edge of the fword, the king alfo therof, and al townes of that countrie, & al the foules, that remained in it: he left not therein anie remaynes: as he had done to Eglon, fo did he alfo to Hebron, al thinges that he found in it confumning with the fword. ³⁸ Thence returning vnto Dabir, ³⁹ he tooke it, and wafted it: the king alfo therof and al the townes round about he ftroke in the edge of the fword: he left not in it anie remains: as he had done to Hebron and Lebna and to their kinges, fo did he to Dabir and the king therof. ⁴⁰ Iofue therfore ftroke al the hillie countrie and fouth and champaine, and Afedoth with their kinges: he left not in it anie reliques, but euerie thing that could breath he flew, as our Lord the God of Ifrael had commanded him, ⁴¹ from Cadesbarne vnto Gaza. Al the Land of Gofen vnto Gabaon, ⁴² and al their kinges, and countries he tooke and wafted at one affault: for our Lord the God of Ifrael fought for him. ⁴³ And he returned with al Ifrael to the place of the campe in Galgal.