

Chapter 10

*Fiue kinges of the Amorrheites befieging Gabaon, be-
 caufe 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 Amor-
 rheites 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 inhabi-
 tantes 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 Ammorrheites, 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 flaughter 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 therfore 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 fue kinges were fled, and had hid themfelues in a caue of the citie of Maceda. ¹⁷ And it was told Iofue that the fue 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 therfore being flaine with a great flaughter, and almoft confumed to vtter deftruction, they that could efcape from Ifrael, ^d)entered into

^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,

fenfed 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 remaines: 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 eu-
 erie thing that could breath he flew, as our Lord the
 God of Ifrael had commanded him, ⁴¹ from Cadeftbarne
 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.