

Chapter 11

Iabin a more principal king fomoneth other kinges to ioyne with him againft Ifrael. 6. Iofue animated with Gods promife of victorie, 7. ouerthroweth them al. 16. Subdueth their countries: 21. killeth alfo manie of the gigantes ftocke.

V Which thinges when Iabin the king of Afor had heard, he fent to Iobab the king of Madon, and to the king of Semeron, and to the king of Achfaph: ² to the kinges alfo of the North, that dwelt in the mountaines and in the plaine againft the fouth fide of Ceneroth, in the champaine alfo and countries of Dor by the fea fide: ³ the Chananeite alfo on the Eaft and Weft, and the Amorrheite and Hetheite and Pherezeite & Iebufeite in the mountaines: the Heueite alfo which dwelt at the foote of Hermon in the Land of Mafpha. ⁴ And they iffued forth al with their troupes, a people exceeding manie as the fand, that is in the fhore of the fea, their horfes alfo and chariottes of paffing great multitude. ⁵ And al thefe kinges affembled together in one at the Waters of Merom, to fight againft Ifrael. ⁶ And our Lord faid to Iofue: Feare them not: for to morrow this felfe fame houre wil I deliuer al thefe to be wounded in the fight of Ifrael: their horfes thou fhalt hoghfinew, and their chariottes thou fhalt burne with fire. ⁷ And Iofue came, and al the hofte with him againft them to the Waters of Merom fodenly, and ranne in vpon them, ⁸ and our Lord deliuered them into the handes of Ifrael. Who ftroke them, and purfewed them as farre as great Sidon, and the Waters of Maferephoth, and the field of Mafphe, which is on the Eaft fide therof. Therefore he ftroke al, fo that he left no reliques of them: ⁹ and he did as our Lord had commanded him, their horfes he hoghfinewed, and their chariottes he burnt. ¹⁰ And returning immediatly he tooke Afor: and the king therof he ftroke with the fword. For Afor in old time among al thefe kingdomes held the principalitie. ¹¹ And he ftroke

al the foules that abode there: he left not in it anie remains, but to vtter deftruction he wafted al things, and the citie it felfe he deftroied with fyre. ¹² And al the cities round about, their kinges alfo he tooke, ftroke & deftroied, as Moyfes the feruant of God had commanded him. ¹³ Except the cities, that were fituated on hilles and higher ground, the reft Ifrael burnt: one onlie Afor verie wel fenced he confumed with fyre. ¹⁴ And al the praye of thefe cities and the cattel the children of Ifrael diuided among them felues, al the men being flaine. ¹⁵ As our Lord had commanded Moyfes his feruant, fo did Moyfes command Iofue, and he accomplished al things: he omitted not of al the commandementes, not fo much as one word, which our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ¹⁶ Iofue therefore tooke al the hillie countrie, and fouth, and the land of Gofen, and plaine, and the Weft quarter, and the mountaine of Ifrael, and the champaine countrie therof: ¹⁷ and the part of the mountaine, that goeth vp to Seir as farre as Baalgad by the plaine of Libanus vnder mount Hermon: al their kinges he tooke, ftroke, and flew. ¹⁸ ^{a)}A great time did Iofue fight againft thefe kinges. ¹⁹ There was not a citie that did deliuer it felfe to the children of Ifrael, except the Heueite, which dwelt in Gabaon: for he tooke al by fight. ²⁰ For it was ^{b)}the fentence of our Lord, that their harts fhould be indurate, and they fhould fight againft Ifrael, and fall, and fhould not deferue anie clemencie, and fhould perish, as our Lord had commanded Moyfes. ²¹ At that time Iofue came, and flew the Enacimes of the mountaines, of Hebron, and Dabir, and Anab, and from al the mountaine of Iuda and Ifrael, and deftroied their cities. ²² He left not any of the ftocke of Enacimes, in the Land of the children of Ifrael: fauing the cities of Gaza, and Geth, and Azotus, in the which onlie they were left.

^a Thefe warres cōtinued nere feuen yeares, as appeareth *chap. 14. v. 10.*

^b For their enormous finnes God left them in their owne reprobate fenfe, not imponing neceffitie of finning, but permitting them to indurate their owne hartes. See *Annot. Exod. 7.*

²³ Iofue therfore tooke al the Land, as our Lord fpake to Moyfes, and deliuered it in poffeffion to the children of Ifrael, according to their partes and tribes. And ^a)the Land refited from battels.

^a Hence forth they had not general warres but diuers tribes had particular as appeareth *chap. 15. &c.*