

Chapter 1

Vnder a general captaine of the tribe of Iuda, afsifted by the tribe of Simeon, Ibrael fubdueth diuers cities of the gentiles. (12. Othoniel taking Cariath fepher pofsefseth it, and marieth Calebs daughter, obtaining alfo addition of her dowrie.) 21. Iebufeites yet dwel in Hierufalem with Beniamin, 27. and the Chananeites with diuers of the tribes.

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After the death of Iofue the children of Ibrael^{a)} confulted our Lord, faying: Who fhall goe vp before vs againft the Chananeite, and fhall be captaine of the warre? ² And our Lord faid: ^{b)}Iudas fhall goe vp: behold I haue deliuered the Land into his handes. ³ And Iudas faid to Simeon his brother: Come vp with me into my lotte, and fight againft the Chananeite, that I alfo may goe forward with thee into thy lotte. And Simeon went with him. ⁴ And Iudas went vp, and our Lord deliuered the Chananeite, and the Pherezeite into their handes: and they ftroke in Bezec ten thoufand men. ⁵ And they found Adonibezec in Bezec, and fought againft him, and ftroke the Chananeite, and the Pherezeite. ⁶ And Adonibezec fled: whom purfewing they tooke, cutting of the extreme partes of his handes and feete. ⁷ And Adonibezec faid: Seuentie kinges hauing the extreme partes of their handes and feete cut of, gathered vp the reliques of meates vnder my table: as I haue done, fo hath God repayed me. And they brought him into Ierufalem, and there he died. ⁸ Therefore the children of Iudas affaulting Ierufalem, tooke it, and ftroke it in the edge of the fword, fetting the whole citie on fyre. ⁹ And afterward going downe they fought againft the Chananeite, which dwelled in the mountaines, and fouthward, and in the champaine countries.

^a The maner of confulting our Lord was by the High prieft praying in the tabernacle. *Exo. 29. v. 42.*

^b The firft general captaine after Iofue, and diuers of the Iudges, were of the tribe of Iuda, but not al, as appeareth in this booke.

¹⁰ And Iudas going forward againft the Chananeite, that dwelled in Hebron (the name wherof was before time Cariatharbe) ftroke Sefai, and Ahiman, and Tholmai: ¹¹ and departing thence went to the inhabitantes of Dabir, the old name wherof was Cariath Sepher, that is, a citie of letters. ¹² And Caleb faid: He that shal ftroke Cariath Sepher, and fpoile it, I wil geue him Axa my daughter to wife. ¹³ And when Othoniel the fonne of Cenez, the yonger brother of Caleb had taken it, he gaue him Axa his daughter to wife. ¹⁴ Whom going on her way her husband admonifhed to aske a field of her father. To whom, when she had fighed fitting on her affe, Caleb faid: What aileth thee? ¹⁵ But she answered: Geue me a bleffing, for a drie land thou haft geuen me: geue me alfo a waterie. Caleb therefore gaue her a waterie ground aboue, & waterie beneath. ¹⁶ And the children of the Cineite the cofin of Moyfes went vp from the citie of palmes, with the children of Iudas into the defert of his lotte, which is at the fouth fide of Arad, and dwelt with him. ¹⁷ But Iudas went with Simeon his brother, and together they ftroke the Chananeite that dwelt in Sephaath, and flew him. And the name of the citie was called, Horma, that is, Anathema. ¹⁸ And Iudas tooke Gaza with the coaftes therof, & Afcalon, and Accaron with their boundes. ¹⁹ And our Lord was with Iudas, and he poffeffed the mountaines: neither could he deftroy the inhabitantes of the valley, becaufe they had manie ^ahooked chariotes. ²⁰ And they gaue to Galeb Hebron, as Moyfes had faid, who deftroyed out of it the three fonnes of Enac. ²¹ But the Iebufeite the inhabiter of Ierufalem the children of Benjamin deftroyed not: and the Iebufeite dwelt with the children of Benjamin in Ierufalem vntil this prefent day. ²² The houfe alfo of Iofeph went vp into Bethel, and our Lord was with them. ²³ For when they befieged the citie, which before was called Luza, ²⁴ they faw a man comming out of the citie,

^a Strong weapons crooked like fickles made faft to the chariottes which cut in peeces, men, horfes, and other chariottes that came in their way.

and faid to him: Shew vs the entrance of the citie, and we wil shew thee mercie. ²⁵ Who when he had shewed them, they ftroke the citie in the edge of the fword: but that man, and al his kinred they difmiffed. ²⁶ Who being difmift, went into the Land of the Hetthims, and built there a citie, and called it Luza: which is fo called vntil this prefent day. ²⁷ Manaffes alfo deftroyed not Bethfan, and Thanac with their litle townes, and the inhabitantes of Dor, and Ieblaam, and Mageddo with their litle townes. And the Chananeite began to dwel with them. ²⁸ But after that Ifrael was waxen ftrong, he made them tributaries, and would not deftroy them. ²⁹ Ephraim alfo killed not the Chananeite, that dwelt in Gazer, but dwelt with him. ³⁰ Zabulon deftroyed not the inhabitantes of Cetron, & Naalol: but the Chananeite dwelt in the middes of him, and was made tributarie to him. ³¹ Afer alfo deftroyed not the inhabitantes of Accho, and of Sidon, of Ahalab, and Achazib, and Helba, and Aphec, and Rohob: ³² and he dwelt in the middes of the Chananeite the inhabiter of that Land, neither did he kil them. ³³ Nepthali alfo deftroyed not the inhabitantes of Bethfames, & Bethanath: and he dwelt in the middes of the Chananeite the inhabiter of the Land, and the Bethfamites & Bethanites were tributaries to him. ³⁴ And the Amorrheite ftraytened the children of Dan in the mountaine, and gaue them not place to goe downe to the playne: ³⁵ and he dwelt in mount Hares which is interpreted shelles, in Aialon and Salebim. And the hand of the houfe of Iofeph was agrauated, and he became tributarie to him. ³⁶ And the border of the Amorrheite was from the Afcent of the Scorpion, the rocke, and the higher places.