

Chapter 5

Genealogies of Ruben, whose birthright, concerning double portion, is translated to Ioseph, the principallie to Iuda, with their special actes. 11. Also of Gad. 18. Who with Ruben, and half tribe of Manasses, subdued the Agarenes: 25. but for their finnes are led captiue into Affyria.

Alfo the finnes of Ruben the first begotten of Ifrael (for he was his first begotten: ^a)but when he had violated his fathers bed, his birthright was giuen to the finnes of Ioseph the sonne of Ifrael, and he was not reputed for the firstbegotten. ² Moreouer Iudas, which was the strongest among his brethren, of his stocke sprang the princes: but the firstbirthright was reputed to Ioseph.) ³ The finnes then of Ruben the firstbegotten of Ifrael: Enoch, & Phallu, Efron, and Charmi. ⁴ The finnes of Ioel: Samia his sonne, Gog his sonne, Semei his sonne, ⁵ Micha his sonne, Reia his sonne, Baal his sonne, ⁶ Beera his sonne, whom Theglathphalnafar the king of the Affyrians led away captiue, and he was prince in the tribe of Ruben. ⁷ And his brethren, and al his kinred, when they were numbred by their families, had these princes Iehiel, and Zacharias. ⁸ Moreouer Bala the sonne of Azaz, the sonne of Samma, the sonne of Ioel, he dwelt in Aroer as far as Nebo, and Beelmeon. ⁹ Agaynst the east quarter also he dwelt vnto the entrance of the desert, and the riuer Euphrates. For they possessed a great number of cattel in the land of Galaad. ¹⁰ And in the daies of Saul they fought agaynst the Agarenes, and flewe them, and dwelt for them in their tabernacles, in al the quarter, that looketh to the East of Galaad. ¹¹ But the children of Gad dwelt ouer agaynst them in the land of Bafan, as far as Selcha: ¹² Iohel the head, and Sapham the second: and Ianai, and Saphar in Bafan. ¹³ And their brethren according

^a See annotations Gen. 49. Nu. 4.

to the houfes of their kinredes, Michael, and Mofollam, and Sebe, and Iorai, and Iacan, and Zie, and Heber, feuen. ¹⁴ Thefe are the fonnes of Abihail, the fonnes of Huri, the fonne of Iara, the fonne of Galaad, the fonne of Michael, the fonne of Iefefi, the fonne of Ieddo, the fonne of Buz. ¹⁵ Alfo the brethren of the fonne of Abdiel, the fonne of Guni, prince of the houfe in their families. ¹⁶ And they dwelt in Galaad, and in Bafan, and in the townes therof, and in al the fuburbes of Saron, vnto the borders. ¹⁷ Al thefe were numbred in the daies of Ioatham the king of Iuda, and in the daies of Ieroboam the king of Ifrael. ¹⁸ The children of Ruben, and of Gad, and of halfe the tribe of Manaffes, men of warre, carying fheildes, & fwordes, and bending the bow, and taught to battels, four and fourtie thoufand, and feuen hundred threefcore going forth to fight. ¹⁹ They fought agaynft the Agarenes: but the Itureians, and Naphis, and Nodab ²⁰ gaue them ayde. And the Agarenes were deliuered into their handes, and al that were with them, becaufe they called vpon God when they fought: and he heard them, ^a)becaufe they beleued in him. ²¹ And they tooke al that they poffeffed, camels fiftie thoufand, and fheepe two hundred fiftie thoufand, and affes two thoufand, and of men an hundred thoufand foules. ²² And manie fel downe wounded: for it was the battel of our Lord. And they dwelt for them vntil the tranfmigration. ²³ Alfo the children of the halfe tribe of Manaffes poffeffed the land, from the coftes of Bafan vnto Baal, Hermon, and Sanir, and mount Hermon, for the number was great. ²⁴ And thefe were the princes of the houfe of their kinred, Ephraim, and Iefi, and Eliel, and Efriel, and Ieremia, and Odoia, and Iediel, moft valiant men and mightie, and renowned princes in their families. ²⁵ But they forfooke the God of their fathers, and fornicated after the goddes of the peoples of the land, whom God tooke away before them. ²⁶ And the God of Ifrael rayfed vp the fpirit of Phul king of the Affyrians, and the fpirit of Thelgathphalnar king

^a Of thefe and the like, S. Paul fayth: *By faith they ouercame kingdoms. Heb. 11.*

of Affur: and he tranported Ruben, and Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manaffes, and brought them into Lahela, and into Habor, and to Ara, and to the riuer of Gozan, vntil this day.