

father, Noah, died, 350 years after the flood; Noah was 500 years old when his father, Lamech, died; and Lamech was 50 years when Adam died; so that what Moses wrote was still fresh in the memory of men in his own time. But we are rightly informed of the truths contained in the Scriptures, and of the true meaning of them, by the unerring testimony and infallible decision of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, which is the "pillar and ground of truth."

How were the Israelites governed in the land of promise? First by judges, and then by kings.

Who succeeded Saul, their first king? David—p. 162.

Who was David's son and successor? Solomon; the wisest of men.

What great event occurred in the reign of Roboam, Solomon's son? The schism of Samaria in 929, by which ten tribes revolted from him, and two only remained.

Whom did God send to warn them of their errors, foretell their afflictions, and predict the Messiah? The Prophets—p. 163.

By whom were the revolting tribes of Israel finally destroyed? The Assyrians.

How long after this did the kingdom of Juda, composed of the two remaining tribes, exist? About 100 years—p. 165.

What then became of the Israelites? In the year 3398 they were taken captives by the king of Babylon.

When were they restored? 70 years after—p. 165.

How long did they enjoy liberty? Until the reign of Seleucus in 3628.

Who was his successor? Antiochus, who plundered and polluted Jerusalem.

Who opposed these outrages? The Machabees.

When did a high priest of the Jewish race cease to exist?

When Herod was king of Jerusalem, in whose reign, A. M., 4004, Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, as foretold by the prophets.