

The aborigines of America were probably the descendants of Noah, that is, America was first peopled by the sons of Noah, before the division of the globe. The sons of Noah are said to have wandered over the earth. We read in the 25th verse of the 10th chapter of Genesis, of Peleg, that "in his days was the earth divided." The Hebrew word Peleg signifies a division.---It is a strong argument in favor of the division of the globe being a fact of great notoriety, that a man of eminence obtained his name from the circumstance. From the Timæus of Plato it appears, that the Greeks had some idea of this event.\* If we look at a map of the world, we shall think it highly probable, that the West India Islands have been separated by

\* Plato in his Timæus says, it was reported there was formerly an island in the Atlantic, beyond the Pillars of Hercules, greater than Africa and Asia. He says that in a vast earthquake the earth opened, and swallowed up its warlike inhabitants, and the island itself was sunk in an enormous whirlpool.

See Plato's Works, printed at Lyons, in 1590. Folio. Page 525.

"And where th' Atlantic rolls wide continents  
have bloom'd."

Beattie's Minstrel.