

SECOND EPOCH,

EMBRACING 429 YEARS.

Q. What was Noah's first act on leaving the Ark?

A. Noah's first act was to offer sacrifice to God, in thanksgiving for the great mercy he had shown himself and his family, in saving them from the general destruction of mankind.

Q. Did the Lord accept Noah's sacrifice?

A. He did, and in token thereof he promised Noah that the earth should never again be destroyed by water.

Q. What sign did the Lord give Noah of the perpetual fulfilment of this covenant?

A. The Lord gave Noah, as a sign of the covenant, his bow which he placed in the clouds, and which we call the rainbow, that seeing it, mankind should always remember God's covenant with Noah.

Q. What was the conduct of Noah's sons towards their father?

A. One of them named Cham, acted in such a manner as to draw down on himself his father's malediction, and also that of God. The other two, Sem and Japhet did not participate in his guilt.

Q. What was the particular offence by which Cham incurred the divine displeasure?

A. The particular offence of Cham was ridiculing and despising his father. Noah, having planted a vineyard, when the grapes were gathered in, drank