

dead, to attend the last judgment, while the Son of God shall sit on his triumphant throne in the mid air, exactly over the spot where he suffered, and, probably, where man fell

Thus far we have treated on the subject of Melchisedec, showing reasons why he is supposed to have been *Shem*, the son of Noah, and reasons why St. Paul should say "Now consider how great this man was." We will only add, that the word *Melchisedec* is not the name of that man so called, but is only a *term*, or appellation, used in relation to him, by God himself, which is the same as to say, *my righteous king*. So that Melchisedec was not the *name* he received at his birth, but was *Shem*, as the Jews inform us in their traditions.

DIVISION OF THE EARTH IN THE DAYS OF PELEG, AND OF
THE SPREADING OUT OF THE NATIONS, WITH OTHER CURIOUS MATTER.

BUT to return to the subject, respecting the division of the earth in the days of Peleg. If, then, the division of the earth was a physical one, consequently such as had settled on its several parts before this division became for ever separated towards the four quarters of the globe. If this position be true, the mystery is at once unriddled, how men and animals are found on all the earth, not excepting the islands, however far removed from other lands by intervening seas.

But of this matter we shall speak again towards the close of this work, when we hope to throw some degree of light upon this obscure, yet exceedingly interesting, subject.

We here take the opportunity to inform the reader that as soon as we have given an account of the dispersion of the inhabitants of the earth, immediately after the flood, from whom sprang the several nations mentioned in sacred and profane ancient history, we shall then come to our main subject, namely, that of the Antiquities of America.

In order to give an account of those nations, we follow the Commentary of Adam Clarke, on the 10th chapter of the Book of Genesis; which is the *only* book to which we can resort for